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# RCHS 2015-2016

RCHS took an intergalactic trip to a new galaxy for the 2015-2016 school year. New teachers, Mr. Brenneman, Ms. Terpstra, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Giordano were welcomed to RCHS this year, along with our new principal, Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones introduced many new things to the student body this year such as the new school motto, "We Expect Success." He feels this encompasses everything about RCHS. He and the rest of the faculty and staff expect success out of every student, every classroom, and every extracurricular. This motto helps remind students to always try their best and to not settle for mediocrity. He also made students aware of the Champions Together program and introduced the class games as a way to foster school spirit. Within these pages lies the memories of this school year, which truly was out of this world.

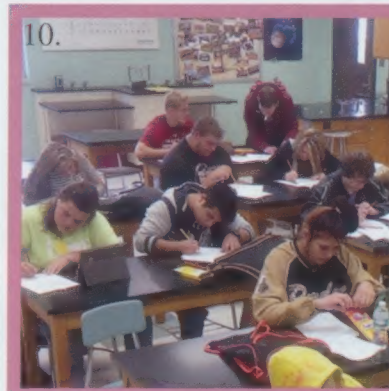
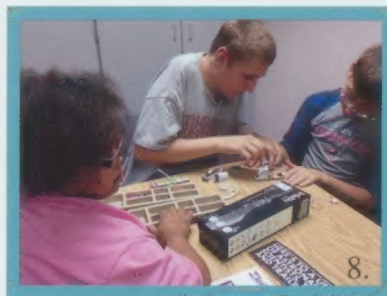


1) The Bomber student section keeps the team motivated on Friday nights. 2) **Mackenzie Flanigan** stays focused during a cross country meet. 3) Señora Benner's Spanish 4 class learns how to make authentic tamales. 4) The senior powderpuff team huddles up before the game. 5) Senior **Brady White** gets ready to peg his opponent during dodgeball. 6) **Emily Britt, Elaine He, Cheryl Sutton, and Lindsey Henderson** enjoy themselves at Sunshine. 7) **Evan Brandenburg and Ben Hillan** relax at Prom 2016.



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8) Tyana Stone, Adrian Voeller, and Jeremiah Staddon complete a project at the public library.

9) Freshmen Carlie Marlow and Kiara Britt pay attention to Ms. Terpstra's lesson.

10) Students in Mr. Dobson's class complete an assignment.

11) Sophomore English students record a movie for a short story project. 12) Kelsy Spurgeon swims butterfly during a meet. 13) Junior Landon Balch goes up for a layup against rival KV.







# STUDENT LIFE

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# HOMECOMING

Homecoming this year didn't go exactly as planned. The Friday night football game was delayed, the dance was canceled, but the crowd still gathered in the gymnasium to watch the crowning of Homecoming queen Monica Clemente. The freshmen class soared to victory with their class float in the annual class float contest. This year's Homecoming spirit week was a blast of intergalactic proportions. We had the first ever class games. This event was a huge hit as Bomber spirit abounded, and great times were had by students and faculty alike. The roaring juniors won the event. The Homecoming parade was led by Grand Marshal Margo Roberts. She also received a plaque at the game honoring her. 2015 Homecoming ended successfully when the Bombers zoomed to victory over the Delphi Oracles 59-6.



1) Senior **Leealison Korniak** hands Margo Roberts the Grand Marshal plaque. 2) Juniors **Austin Becker** and **Trent McAdow** crouch to attack their opponents. 3) The winning freshmen float leads the parade. 4) The freshmen team attempts the cookie face challenge during the class games. 5) The Bomber Brigade lines up at the start of the parade. 6) Juniors tug the rope during the class games.







7) Homecoming queen **Monica Clemente** after her crowning with escort **Samuel Mihalich** 8) English teachers **Ms. Terpstra** and **Mrs. Schneider** are the biggest "Nerds" in the school during Homecoming week. 9) Senior **Ava Davisson** dashes through the Homecoming queen obstacle course. 10) Homecoming court candidates get together before the Homecoming parade. 11) Seniors **Aaron McGowan** and **Austin Grist** cheer on their team during Tug-O-War against the juniors.

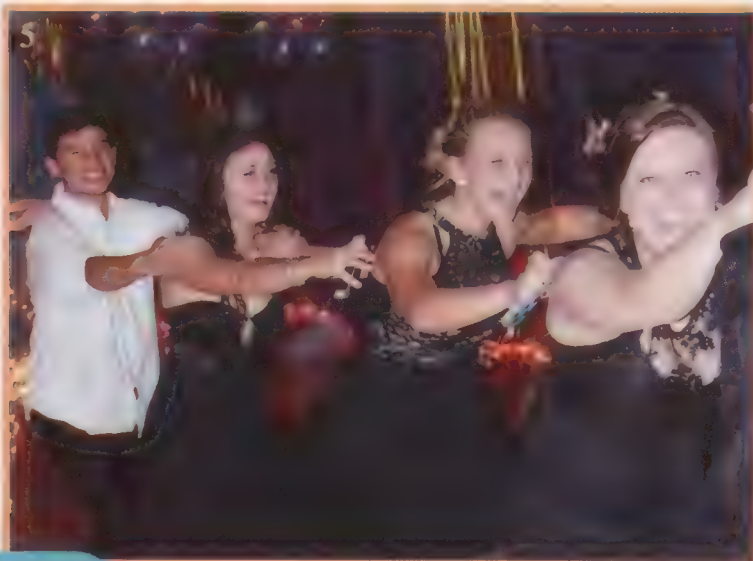


# SUNSHINE DANCE

The Sunshine dance is an annual event where all students who participate in the Sunshine Society get to attend a dance sponsored by Sunshine. This year's theme was "Once Upon a Time." The decorations included pink, purple and blue balloon trees, a beautiful waterfall in the back of the gym, a lantern lit entrance, several castles, and a fairytale tower. Mady Wright was crowned the senior Sunshine queen this year. The junior princess was Lexie Wuethrich, the sophomore princess was Kayla Tryon, and the freshman princess was Lilly Davisson. Everyone's formal attire was out of this world. The students surely enjoyed their fairytale evening. Sponsors Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Schneider along with Sunshine members did an excellent job preparing for the dance.



1) Senior **Ava Davisson** whips and nae naes while she waits for the dance to start. 2) A group of students dance their night away. 3) **Thomas Gutwein, Courtney Arndt, Cheryl Sutton, and Emily Britt** show off their goofy side. 4) **Josie Hitchings and Josh Purevich** enjoy a slow dance. 5) **Sonny Anderson, Megan Massoels, and Pedro Hernandez** participate in the train. 6) Everyone experiences their fairytale evening.







7) Junior **Brannon Wilmington** slow dances with his date for the evening **Abigail Pinkerman**. 8) Foreign exchange student **Alice Garbusinski** enjoys being a part of the train. 9) **Alexandria Stoker** and **Erika Brownfield** hug it out at the dance. 10) The seniors take the lead in the "Cha-Cha Slide." 11) The court poses for their group picture. From left to right: **Lilly Davisson**, **Kayla Tryon**, **Lexie Weuthrich**, and **Mady Wright**. Congratulations to the crowned court.

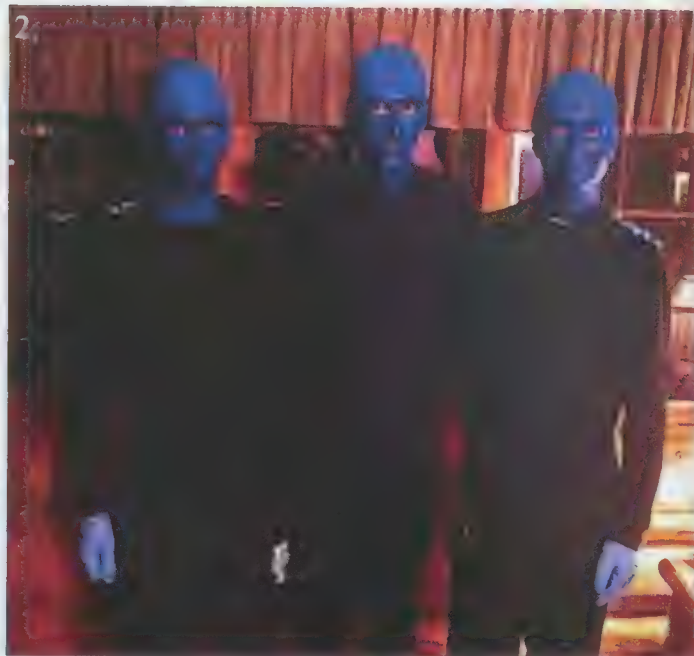


# MORP

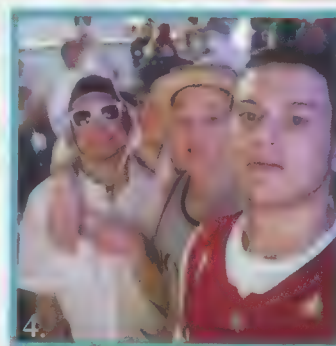
MORP is the time of year to get creative and crazy! MORP is backwards prom, a dance where students come dressed in costumes to have a good time with friends and dance the night away. This year's theme was "Welcome to the Jungle." The students had a roaring time dancing the night away. There were many creative costumes such as Barbies, Scooby-Doo, Fairly Odd Parents, fraternity boys, Hawaiian tourists, police officers, basketball and baseball players, and many others. DJ Dave Gult made the night even more enjoyable with great music everyone could bust a move to. The Student Council did a wonderful job decorating the cafeteria during the school day. They really made it look like a jungle. Students should start planning ahead for next year. MORP is a great way for students to show their creativity through costumes and have fun with friends.



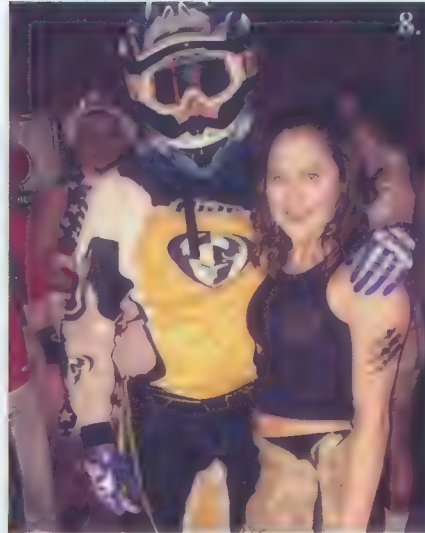
1) Kaylie Hammersly and Allie Cox at their last MORP.



2) Graham Balvich, Beau Balch and Nate Hill as Blue Man Group. 3) Sophomores enjoy MORP 2016. 4) Luke Branson, Ben Korniak, and Tony Ybarra take a selfie. 5) Some RCHS students in front of the jungle sign. 6) The Fairly Odd Parents (Riley Hickman and Kayty Kryshak) and KISS (Jordyn Spangler and Maddie Gehring) get a picture before dancing.





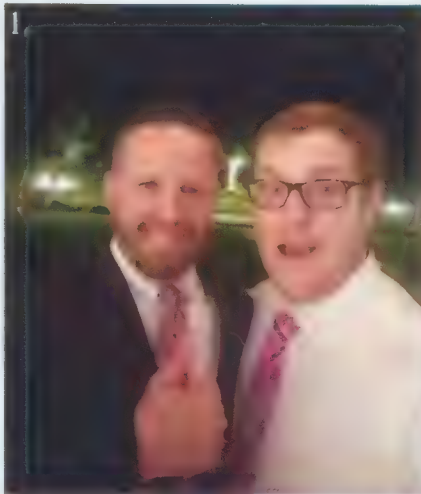


7) Senior **Sonny Anderson** snuggles with teddy bear **Tomas Saavedra**. 8) Senior **Uria Gerlach** enjoys her last MORP dance with her freshman brother **Evan Gerlach**. 9) **Dakota Jones** and **Mady Wright** enjoy goofing around with the props at MORP. 10) Frat boys **Katie Myers**, **Hannah Hall**, **Hilary Hall**, **Lilly Davisson**, **Morgan Fleming**, **Lauren McGowan**, **Mackenzie Flanigan**, and **Sophia Michael** get ready to attend the high school dance. 11) A group of sophomores get ready to head out to MORP.

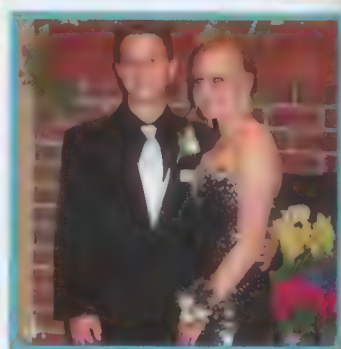


# PROM

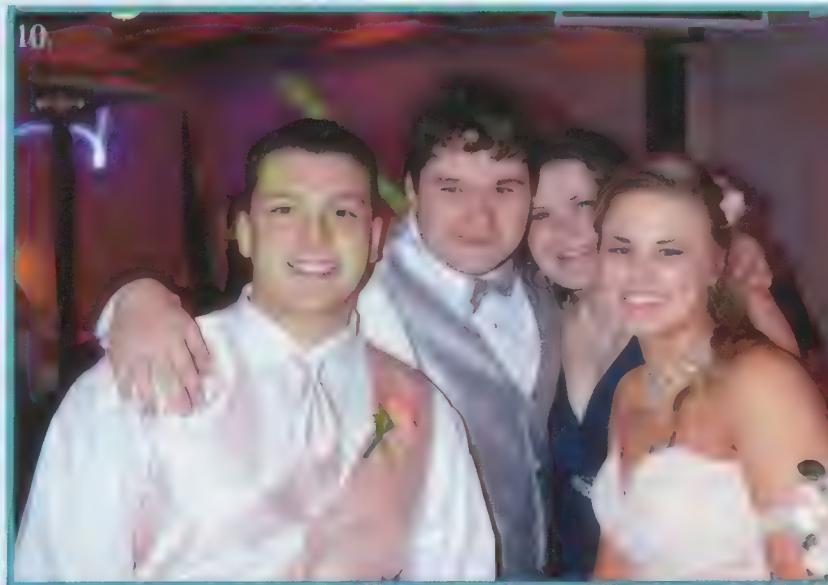
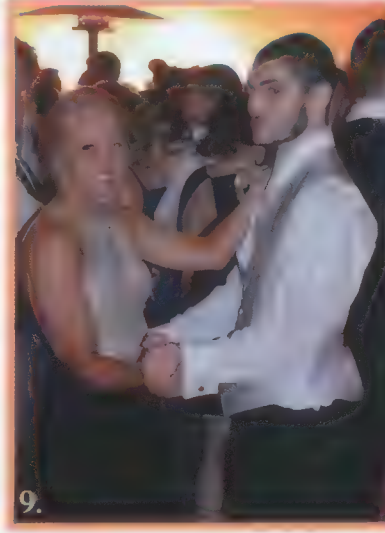
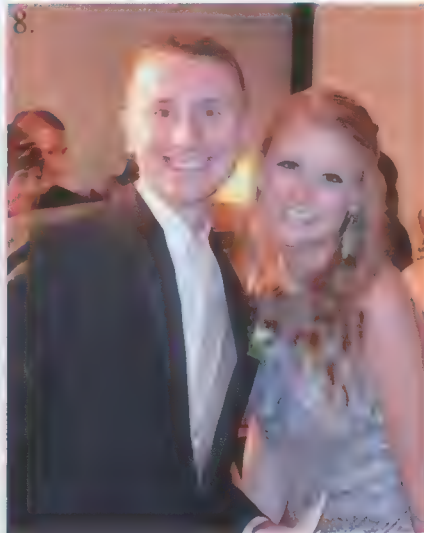
Prom 2016, "Paint the Town Blue," took place at The Pavillion at Sandy Pines. Although it was a slightly chilly, rainy evening, students' attire and the dance floor was hot! DJ Chad Wynn really got the students excited by playing all of the requested music and encouraging students to take as many selfies as possible to remember Prom 2k16. Prom Prince was Ben Hillan and Princess was Regan Rodibaugh. Garrett Eldridge and Angel Adcock earned Prom King and Queen. After the dance, most students headed to the RCHS gym to continue the fun at After Prom. There was a money machine, a name that tune game, bounce houses, a photobooth, corn hole and plenty of door prizes. Many groups and couples spent the next day continuing prom weekend by going to the zoo, fun centers, Chicago, or out to eat. Thanks to the sponsors and the junior class for an out of this world prom night.



1) Senior **Ashden Ohanis** takes a selfie with Mr. Jones during Let Me Take A #Selfie! 2) Juniors **Blair Standish** and **Tommy Gutwein** dance the night away. 3) **Kylie Nugent** tries to get the noodles on a stick at After Prom. 4) **Cody Goodman** and **Hannah Hall** take pictures before heading to Prom. 5) **Robert Berg** and **Taryn Johns** slow dance during Prom. 6) **Ryne Webb** attempts to collect as much cash as he can in The Vault.







7) The 2016 Prom Prince **Ben Hillian**, Prom Princess **Regan Rodibaugh**, Prom Queen **Angel Adcock**, and Prom King **Garrett Eldridge** gather together for a royal photo. 8) Seniors **Katy Kryshak** and **Joel Walker** smile before entering prom. 9) **Sophie Michael** and **Joseph Kruczek** dance at Prom. 10) **Molly Dolan**, **Shawna Philpot**, **Stephen Allen** and **Ricky Shupe** smile for an unforgettable photo. 11) Seniors party at Prom for the last time while juniors party for the first time at #RCProm.



# SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunshine is a statewide organization any student can join which benefits our school and community. Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Schneider have sponsored Sunshine for several years. They, along with active members, try to offer many opportunities to get students involved in the school and the Rensselaer community. This year, Sunshine did a lot more than hosting the dance. They purchased Christmas gifts for four local children, donated to the school backpack program (which provides meals for local kids), held a mother/daughter brunch, and organized and paid for the hypnotist to come entertain the students and faculty of RCHS. "We try to do as much as we can to help the people within our community," Mrs. Schneider stated, "We feel it is important to show students how beneficial serving their community can be. If we make a difference in the lives of children, we benefit others but also ourselves."



1) Lily Martin and Kourtnee Boose sign up to work an event.



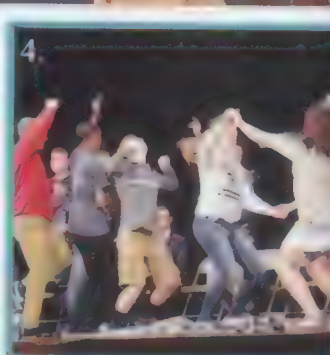
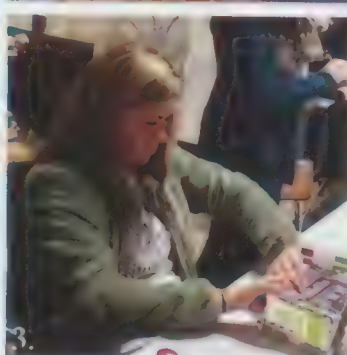
2) Club members volunteer to head a committee.

3) Dakota Jones wraps a present for a local child from the angel tree; Sunshine sponsored two girls and two boys this year.

4) Students dance on stage after being hypnotized.

5) Students enjoy themselves at the annual Sunshine Dance put on by the Sunshine Society.

6) The hypnotist explains the show to the volunteers.



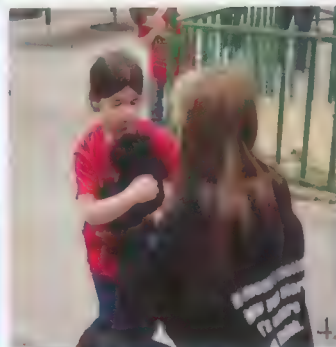


# FFA

FFA is an organization for students interested in agriculture or livestock. FFA gives students a chance to make many friends through the common hobbies they share. Members go to a national convention in Oklahoma every year where they get to learn and experience numerous activities to strengthen their knowledge. The FFA club hosts many events for the community such as the Kellner Callahan Breakfast, Fill-a-Tractor and the Petting Zoo. Soils, entomology, livestock, and dairy are just a few of many judging teams offered to the members of the club. The students also get the opportunity to fill out a Hoosier Degree, and it gives them the chance to tell their story. This year, four FFA members accomplished their degree. Sponsor Mr. Wamsley stated, "I'm always proud of the Livestock kids because they are consistently top five in the state and always do a great job!"



1) FFA members play around at National Convention. 2) The members host the annual Kellner Callahan Breakfast. 3) Seniors Trent Steinke and Ashton Schultz hand David Ulm a certificate for forestry. 4) Becca Todd hands a primary student a puppy from the petting zoo. 5) Gracie VanWienen and Bailey Craig prepare to feed and care for the baby goat. 6) During FFA week, students were able to drive their tractors to school.



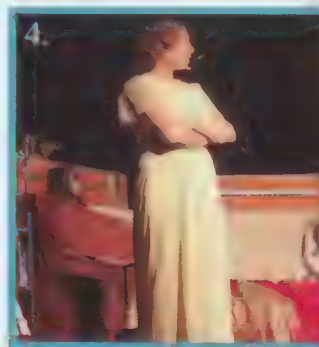


# FALL PLAY

This fall, the RCHS drama department performed *Blithe Spirit*. The actors and actresses this year took part in countless rehearsals to put on the play. *Blithe Spirit* is a British comedy which took place in the 1940's. The plot of the play begins with a novelist who invites a medium to conduct a seance who later releases the spirit of his dead first wife. Then, comedic situations occur since the husband is the only person who can see her. The three main leads were Jillian Lucero, Drew Selsor, and Jessica Ybarra. The production was directed by RCHS English teacher Bernard Sell. As the show came to an end, there was a sense of excitement among the cast for their accomplishments. Without the help of the crew, cast members, student directors, and director, this play wouldn't have been such a big success. Congratulations to the director and cast members on a job well done!



1) Jessica Ybarra and Drew Selsor perform their last play together. 2) John Clay Anderson, Skyler Shamp, and Jillian Lucero have a friendly conversation. 3) Drew Selsor and Kourtnee Boose argue about the seance during one of the scenes. 4) Senior Jillian Lucero confronts her husband on stage. 5) The cast takes a bow on closing night of the final fall performance. 6) The ghosts discuss leaving the material world.



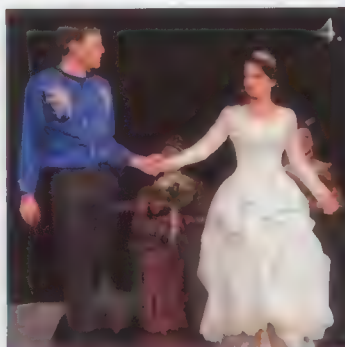


# SPRING MUSICAL



For this year's spring musical, the Rensselaer Central Drama Department performed Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. *Cinderella* is about a young woman who is forced to live with a cruel stepmother and two hot-headed stepsisters. With the help of Cinderella's fairy Godmother, she is transformed into a beautiful princess. The lead role of Cinderella was played by Sarah Powers and Jessica Ybarra. This year, the drama department will lose four amazing actors: Jillian Lucero, Jessica Ybarra, Drew Selsor, Ava Davisson. Good luck with your future studies, and congratulations on a fantastic year of shows. Without the direction of Honors English teacher, Bernard Sell, the show would not have been such an outstanding success.

1) The townspeople have a discussion about the upcoming ball. 2) Fairy Godmother and Cinderella talk about the local news. 3) **Haley Brouwer**, as one of the stepsisters, tries on the lost glass slipper from the ball. 4) Cinderella and Prince Charming walk down the aisle after their wedding ceremony. 5) The cast takes a bow after their final performance of the year. 6) Prince Charming gets his parents approval to marry Cinderella.



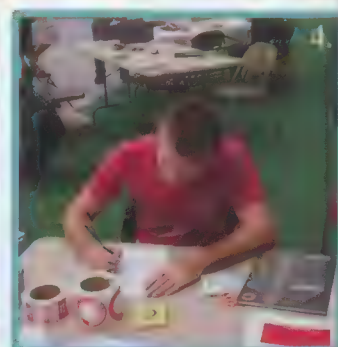


# COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service Club met frequently to plan and prepare events throughout the year. The Community Service Club hosts three main events: The Rudolph Run, The Blood Drive, Pack-A-Van. This club also helps with recycling and other tasks around the high school. Members of the Community Service Club volunteer their time to help the Rensselaer community and the school corporation. These students hosted the 10th annual Rudolph Run this year. The Rudolph Run raised about \$1200. Students working Pack-A-Van gathered multiple carloads of canned goods for the local food pantry. The Community Service Club teaches students to have fun with their friends while helping people in need.



1) **Hailey Henry** participates in the recycling program. 2) **Ava Davisson, Jocelyn Johns, and April Hendon** collect canned goods for the local food pantry during Pack-A-Van. 3) **Molly Dolan** donates blood during the blood drive. 4) **Aaron McGowan** helps register participants for the blood drive. 5) Students receive an award for their donations to the food pantry. 6) **Jacob Hall** helps a runner pin his number on at the Rudolph Run.





# STUDENT COUNCIL



This year, Student Council welcomed Mrs. Hege and Mrs. Cook as the new sponsors. Members of the Student Council are active throughout the school year and the summer to set up activities for students and the community. To become a member of student council, you must be elected by your class. Student Council hosts several events throughout the year such as the MORP

- 1) The Student Council members have their monthly meeting.
- 2) **Uria Gerlach** decorates for the MORP dance.
- 3) **Ava Jackson** and **Ally Arnold** exchange gifts at the annual Christmas party.
- 4) **Lily Martin** volunteers to work the concession stand.
- 5) **Logann McElfresh** announces the line-up during Men's Volleyball.
- 6) Members of the Mr. Bomber committee work together to make locker banners for the candidates.

dance, Men's Volleyball, Powderpuff, a variety of Homecoming activities, and Mr. Bomber. This year, members of the Student Council hosted the first annual class games. Each class competed in a multitude of events to determine the best class of the 2015-2016 school year. The juniors won this year's games. Students also volunteer their time helping the community. These students work hard to bring students together in a fun and positive way.



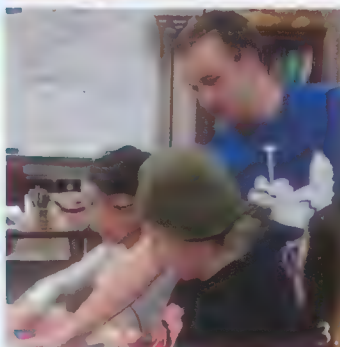


# NHS

The Rensselaer Central High School National Honor Society inducted 20 members into the club this fall, adding to the 22 members from the fall of 2015. The organization held an induction ceremony to honor all of the new inductees. During the spring semester of the school year, the students involved in the organization started a group project. The National Honor Society members placed boxes around the school for students to donate items. The members asked other students to bring in gently used clothing items to donate to the Orphan Grain Train Organization. Along with participating in the group project, students also worked on individual community service projects to meet the minimum requirement of thirty service hours. These students spend many hours giving back to the school and community and are well-deserving of this honor.



1) **Austin Becker** puts the National Honor Society pin on new member **Brady White**.  
 2) **Cheryl Sutton** puts together a health kit for families in need. 3) Junior **Jacob Hall** tutors middle school students. 4) **Paige Longstreth** signs her name in the National Honor Society book of members. 5) The new members of the National Honor Society after induction 6) **Molly Dolan** helps a middle school student with her homework.





# BAC



1) The BAC gets together with Santa after one of their basketball games. 2) **Robert Berg** shoots for a basket.



3) **Ryne Webb** gives **Tyana Stone** a low five after she got a basket. 4) The BAC gets together for a photo with the student section. 5) **Adrian Voeller** jumps for the ball at the start of the game. 6) **Riley Hickman** talks to the student body about BAC.

Bomber Athletic Club is an organization at RCHS which unifies students with special needs and IHSA athletes to compete in various sports. This club is a team of athletes who compete in basketball games against each other and track meets against other schools. BAC also has unified track sectionals after school gets out for the year. BAC benefits all students involved. Those with special needs feel like they are more involved and accepted by the student body. The IHSA athletes who participate learn from the other athletes and feel they are making a difference in the lives of the students they play with. BAC began last school year, and the athletic department is trying to grow the program as much as possible. Currently the team has about 20 students and is sponsored by Athletic Director Kenny Hickman. If you get a chance, head out to one of their games or meets, you'll definitely enjoy it!





# POWDERPUFF

It was an unusually cold night in October for the 2015 Powderpuff game, but the girls still made it an exciting evening. During the first game, the seniors faced the freshmen. Senior Kylie Nugent scored the only touchdown during the game and defeated the freshmen with a score of 7-0. Better luck next year, class of 2019. In the second game, the sophomores faced the juniors. Sophomore Morgan Fleming scored a touchdown and made a field goal. Junior Marijka Lynch-Pastoor scored a touchdown. Unfortunately, they did not make the field goal and lost the game with the final score at 7-6. The final game was between the seniors and sophomores. Senior Kylie Nugent again scored the one and only touchdown during the game, which lead them to victory, beating the sophomores. Congratulations to the 2016 seniors on your final victory. Other classes need to step it up for next year.



1) Morgan Fleming runs down the field to score a touchdown. 2) The senior girls are ecstatic after their final Powderpuff victory. 3) The senior girls punt the ball to their opponents, the sophomores. 4) Senior and sophomore girls fight to get possession of the ball. 5) The junior coaches dress to impress while coaching their players. 6) The freshmen get ready to begin their play while facing the seniors.



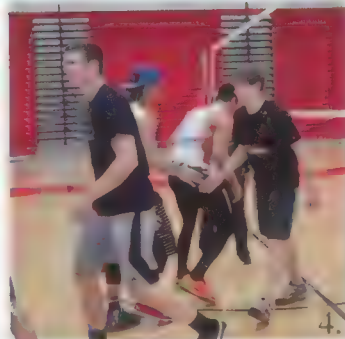


# MEN'S VOLLEYBALL



The annual men's volleyball tournament is hosted by the Student Council to raise money for the food pantry. There was an exceptional student turnout in the stands this year. The first game was between the seniors and freshmen, which ended with a victory for the seniors. The two junior teams faced each other in the second round; Boom Sesh came away with the win. In the third round between Boom Sesh and the sophomores, Boom Sesh walked away with another win. In the final round, the seniors faced Boom Sesh in a very close game. The juniors were up by five at the start of the game, but the seniors quickly caught up. Boom Sesh came out on top with a score of 15-13. This victory marked their third consecutive win. Boom Sesh consists of Bryce Kingman, Luke Branson, Bryce Jordan, Trenton McAdow, Grant Myers, Landon Balch, and Ben Hillan.

1) Senior Keegan Stevens serves to the freshmen team during the first round. 2) Ben Korniak attempts to block Luke Branson's attack. 3) After playing their first game, the senior team watches their competition. 4) The junior teams shake hands after a close game. 5) Drew Rentschler dives down low to receive a hard serve. 6) The winning junior team, Boom Sesh, is proud of their third consecutive championship title.



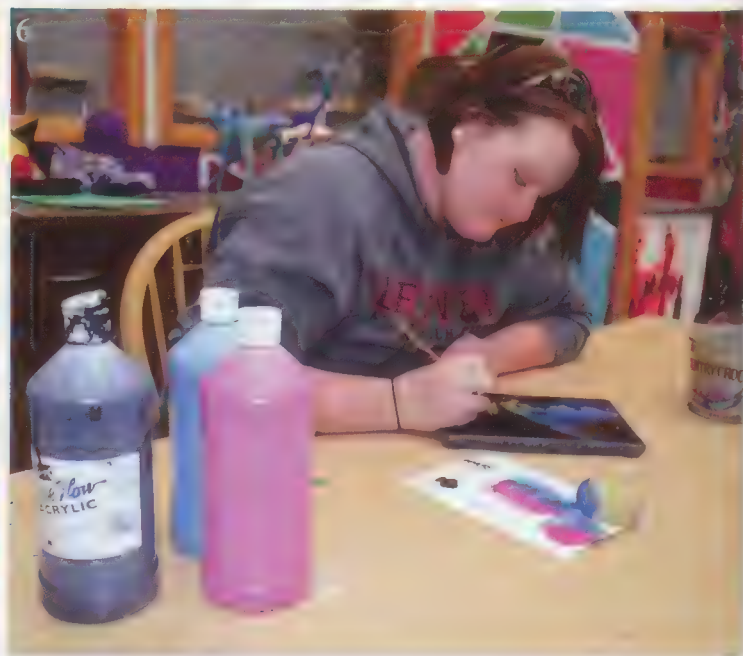
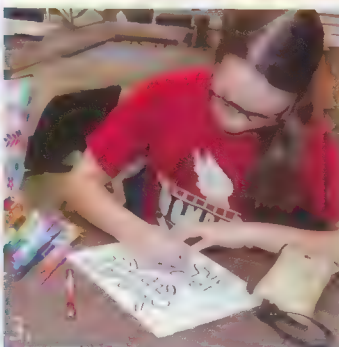


# ART CLUB

The Art Club is a group of artistically inclined students who meet after school monthly to create different kinds of art for pleasure. Mrs. Spurgeon and several students come up with various projects they are interested in making, but that they would normally not be able to do during art class due to time or ability restrictions. Students find inspiration for projects on Pinterest and Youtube. Some of the projects the art club has done this year include painting iPad cases, sgraffito, graffiti street art, and Keith Haring figures, which were placed around the school. The only requirement for art club is that you show up. There are members of varying ability from all grade levels. This group of students really enjoy their time in art club and value the extra experience they get making art. Senior Molly Dolan adds, "It's important to have the opportunity to make art. Art Club makes art more accessible to students."

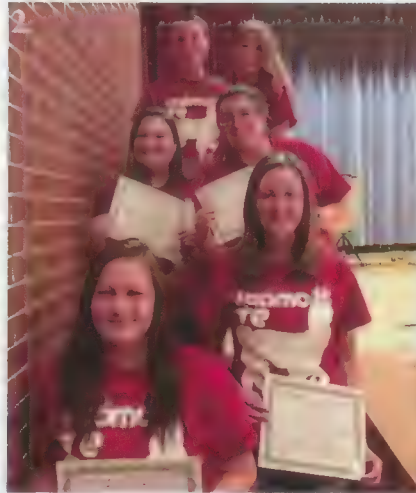


1) **Matthew Barker** does a demo on graffiti street art. 2) Members of the Art Club work on their Keith Haring figures. 3) Sophomore **Emily Anderson** colors her figures before she hides them around the school. 4) Senior **Sonny Anderson** uses her iPad to help with her sgraffito project. 5) The members of the 2015-2016 Art Club with Mrs. Spurgeon. 6) Senior **Sarah Brough** demonstrates how to paint iPad cases.



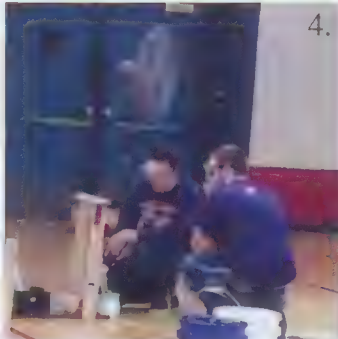


# ACADEMIC TEAMS



Rensselaer Central High School has many academic teams which compete at competitions throughout the school year and represent our school very well by placing. Spanish Quizbowl has two levels that compete in separate competitions for awards. This year went exceptionally well for both divisions because they placed higher than they had in recent years. Science Olympiad competed at the Purdue Calumet regional and placed third. They moved on to the State competition which takes place at Indiana University in Bloomington. Spell Bowl traveled to North Judson High School to compete in a spelling competition. A new academic team was introduced this year as well. History Club, ran by Mr. Hawthorne, competed in one competition in South Bend. They also took a field trip to the Indiana State Museum and the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library.

1) **Ruby Blake** checks out an exhibit at the Indiana State Museum. 2) Spanish Quizbowl students receive awards. 3) Junior **Jacob Hall** tries out an interactive exhibit. 4) **Harrison Heinig** and **Ashden Ohanis** work on a science project for the Science Olympiad competition. 5) The Spell Bowl team receives ribbons after competing in the competition. 6) The students in Spanish Quizbowl arrive at their competition.

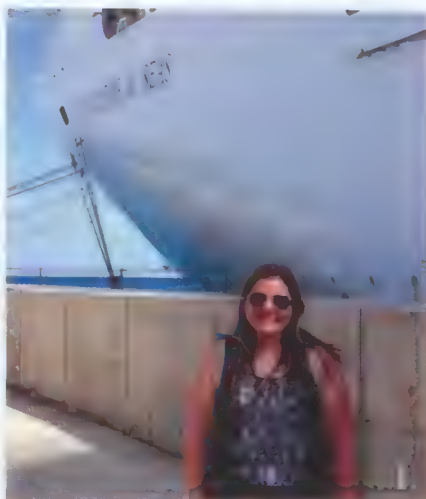




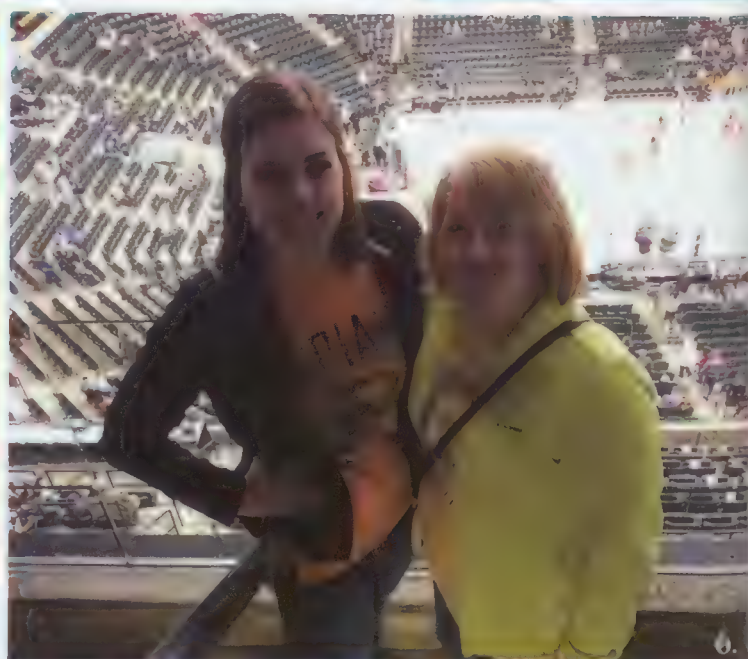
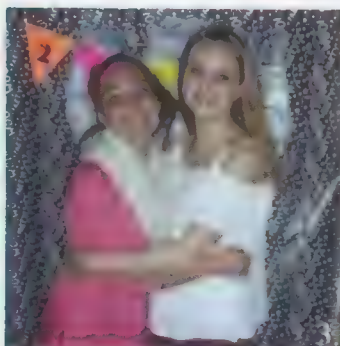
# WINTER BREAK

Winter break is the time of the year when students enjoy a break from school. It's a great way for students to refresh their minds before the second semester begins. Winter break also allows students to spend time with their family and friends. Students, faculty and staff travel to many different places over break. Some travel the states and hit the popular destinations like Panama City Beach, the Smoky Mountains, and even Disney World.

Others hit the seas and travel out of the country to the Caribbeans, Jamaica, or Europe. This winter, students got to relax by playing in the snow, sipping on hot chocolate, or lying on the beach. While on break, students are also able to gather with their family and celebrate the holidays and the coming of the new year. Food, gifts, laughs and memories are all shared over this wonderful and much needed break.



1) **Christina Ziese** spent her break aboard a cruise to Jamaica. 2) Junior **Bryce Jordan** went skiing at Crystal Mountain Resort. 3) **Kelsey Gilbert** and **Katelyn Hanford** enjoyed their time at a New Year's Eve party. 4) Senior **Maddie Gehring** had fun ice skating with her family. 5) **Tommy Gutwein** completed his first solo flight over break. 6) **Jordyn Spangler** and Mrs. **Spangler** went to an Indiana Pacers Game.





# SPRING BREAK



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Spring Break is a time to have fun with family and friends before finishing out the school year. Many students travel to different states and countries. The most popular place was down south in the sunny state of Florida with destinations such as Panama City Beach, Daytona Beach, Fort Myers Beach, Treasure Island, and St. Pete. A couple groups of students even enjoyed the hot weather in Mexico. There were even some students who traveled out West to ski on the slopes in Colorado and visit the west coast in California. Some students stayed in Rensselaer for spring break and took a short day trip to travel to Chicago or Indianapolis. Students spent break with family and friends trying to make the moments last wherever they were. It's always fun to return to school afterwards to share the wonderful memories you made over break with your favorite teachers and friends.

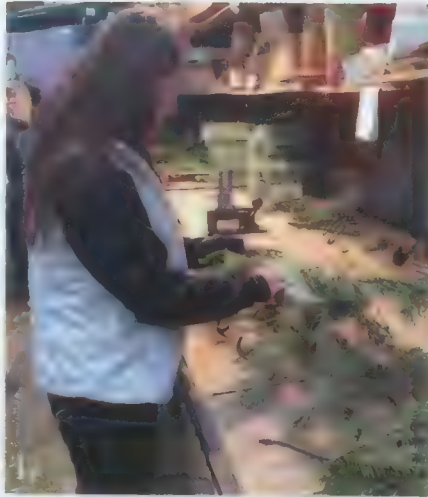
1) Austin Becker caught a Red Snapper while deep sea fishing.  
2) Ava Davisson enjoys the warm California weather.  
3) Lauren McGowan, Mackenzie Flanigan, and Morgan Fleming jet ski.  
4) Mark Garrity, Jose Hernandez, and Pedro Hernandez enjoy a Chicago Bulls game.  
5) Alyssa Sheets and Taryn Johns have fun playing laser tag in PCB.  
6) Katie Kem, Keisha Lilly, and Kerry Branson parasail.





# EMPLOYMENT

RCHS students spend their weekdays working hard in the classroom and with their extracurriculars. For many of them, the day doesn't end when school gets out. Numerous students spend their free time, time after school, and weekends working. Having a job helps prepare students for their future careers by helping them gain people skills, teaching them how to manage money and how to follow rules and guidelines provided by an employer. There are a ton of places in the town of Rensselaer for students and athletes to get part time jobs. Several businesses work around student's schedules. Whether it be a local pizza parlor, a movie theater, or a fast food establishment, students are able to work with friends, making it more fun and less stressful. Bombers are not only successful in school and athletics but out in the real world as well. Hard work will pay off, literally!



1) Senior **Jocelyn Johns** makes a grave saddle at Brown's floral shop. 2) **Ashden Ohanis** takes a reservation at The Farmhouse. 3) **Sonny Anderson** talks to her manager at KFC where she has worked for two years. 4) **Carly Meyers** fills chip baskets for customers at Ayda's Mexican Cuisine. 5) **Brannon Wilmington** cuts one of Arni's famous pizzas for a customer. 6) **Riley Hickman** sells candy to **Madeline Barber** before a showing of *Mockingjay Part 2*.



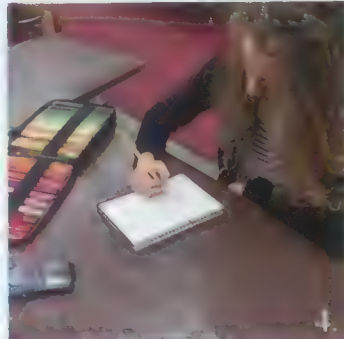
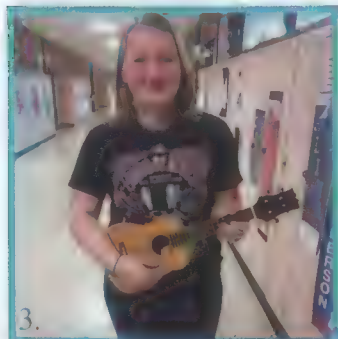


# HOBBIES



Hobbies are something you can do in your free time and can be developed at any time in your life. Most people who develop hobbies early on will continue to take part in them for a long time. Everyone is unique and has different interests which allows for a variety of hobbies among students at RCHS. Many people use their hobby as a getaway from the long days in the classroom, a break from their family, or just a way to relieve some stress. Hobbies vary from horseback riding, gardening, playing a musical instrument, showing animals, hunting, drawing, singing and many more. The hobbies people participate in also guide who they spend their time with. Hobbies are definitely a great way for high school students to express themselves and improve their lives. If you don't have a hobby, pick one up; you never know what's waiting for you until you try.

- 1) Senior **Skyler Shamp** and Freshman **Jaiden Luttrell** show pygmy goats at nationals during the summer.
- 2) **Brannon Wilmington** dedicates his time to dirt bike racing.
- 3) Freshman **Ashley Rollins** covers songs and plays them on her ukelele.
- 4) **Kelsy Spurgeon** enjoys drawing and other art related activities.
- 5) **Kelsey Gilbert** enjoys playing the piano.
- 6) **Avery Dunlap** spends his free time competitively racing go-karts.





# DANCE TEAM

The RCHS dance team is a group of girls from all grade levels who live to dance. These girls practice three times a week after school for five months to learn the routines they perform during halftime at basketball games. Mrs. Cook has sponsored the dance team for nine years and enjoys working with and watching the girls grow in skill. They choreograph all of the routines themselves and do their best to perfect them. This year, the team performed routines to the all time favorite "Footloose" and new pop sensation Demi Lovato's "Confident." The girls also invited young dancers to perform with them during one of the games. When asked about the season, Mrs. Cook said, "The girls practiced hard and put a lot of effort and creativity into their routines."



1) The Junior Bomberettes Dance Academy team performs a routine with the high school dance team. 2) The 2016 RCHS Dance Team captures memories prior to a performance. 3) Jenna Rule and Emily Anderson dance their hearts out. 4) The girls on point in the gym. 5) The dance team plays air guitar to "Footloose" during halftime. 6) Dance team members prepare to start the show.



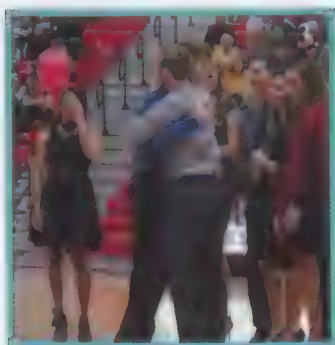


# MR. BOMBER



Mr. Bomber week was a great success as always. RCHS had a spirit day every day that week to get everyone excited about the upcoming game on Friday. The basketball game was a nailbiter, but unfortunately, the Bombers fell to the Kouts Mustangs with a score of 35-37. The night was not all that gloomy though. The Mr. Bomber candidates were all announced during halftime of the game. The candidates included Garrett Eldridge escorted by Uria Gerlach, Clay Martin escorted by Bailey Davis, Jon Smith escorted by Jocelyn Johns, Beau Balch escorted by Ashton Schultz, Pierce VanHouten escorted by Monica Clemente, and Joel Walker escorted by Kayty Kryshak. This honoring title was awarded to Pierce VanHouten. The night was filled with lots of congratulations and hugs for Pierce after winning the title of Mr. Bomber 2016.

1) **Pierce VanHouten** is the 2016 Mr. Bomber. 2) The candidates and their escorts make their way to the gymnasium. 3) **Garrett Eldridge** gives **Pierce VanHouten** a hug after he is awarded Mr. Bomber. 4) Seniors **Sonny Anderson** and **Xzavier Fontaine** match on "twin day." 5) The candidates enter the floor at halftime. 6) All of the candidates and escorts eagerly await halftime.







# SPORTS

## OF A NEW AGE









What position do you play and why do you like it?

Cheryl Sutton - "I play the goalie, and I liked it because it was challenging."

What has soccer taught you?

Bailey Craig - "Soccer has taught me how to be aggressive and to never give up on something I want as an athlete."

What will you miss most about playing soccer?

Paige Morris - "I will miss playing with all of my friends."



The Lady Bombers soccer team had a phenomenal 2015 season. The girls made it to the second round of sectionals but fell short to Boone Grove, ending the season with a final record of 3-7-6. The Lady Bombers lost three seniors at the end of this season: Monica Clemente, who played offense, Leah Coley, who played defense, and Paige Morris, who played wherever was needed. With new players from the upcoming freshmen class, the girls hope to take an intergalactic journey to greater achievements next season.



# GIRLS SOCCER

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1) Sophomore Sydney Bement prepares to defend the ball. 2) Marijka Lynch-Pastoor takes the ball to the goal. 3) After a hard practice, the girls take time to relax. 4) Megan Massoels, Marijka Lynch-Pastoor and Josie Hitchings act goofy after a game. 5) Teammates work together to steal the ball from their opponent. 6) Sophomore Josie Hitchings throws in the ball. 7) Jessie Kuiper attempts to steal. 8) Goalie Cheryl Sutton boots the ball down field.





The 2015 season for the boys soccer team was out of this world. They played in the conference championship for the third time in a row, placing second. They had an outstanding season with a record of 14-3-4. The Bombers won the sectional title for the second year in a row. They then made it to Regionals, where they won their first game 3-0. They lost in the regional championship game, repeating as runner-up.



# BOYS SOCCER

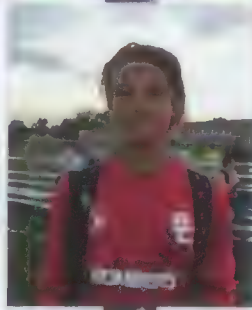


1) **Graham Balvich** dribbles the ball across the field. 2) Senior **Pierce Van Houten** shoots for the stars, trying to make a goal. 3) **Ethan Morris, Braden Dobson, and Drew Rentschler** try to block a penalty kick. 4) **Ben Hillan** chases the ball across the field. 5) **Bryce Nesius** attempts to steal the ball away from an opposing player. 6) **Pierce Van Houten** battles against a defender. 7) Junior **Braden Dobson** kicks the ball across field. 8) **Jacob Hall** throws the ball in bounds.



What's your favorite position to play on the soccer field and why?

**Jacob Hall** - "I like to play right back defense because it's natural to me."



What was your most memorable moment of the season?

**Drew Rentschler** - "There are way too many to choose just one. It is too much fun playing with my team."



What is the best part about being on the soccer team?

**Pierce Van Houten** - "My favorite part is spending time with the team because it is a fun environment."

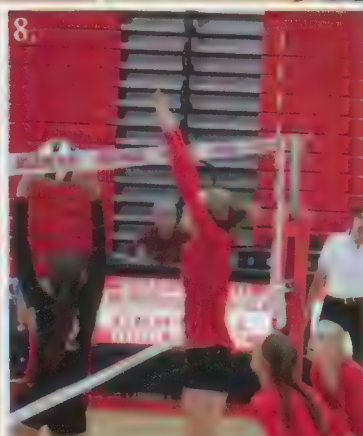




1) Madeline Barber prepares for an out of this world attack.  
 2) Uria Gerlach begins the game with a strong serve.  
 3) Emily Barber attempts an attack.



# VOLLEYBALL

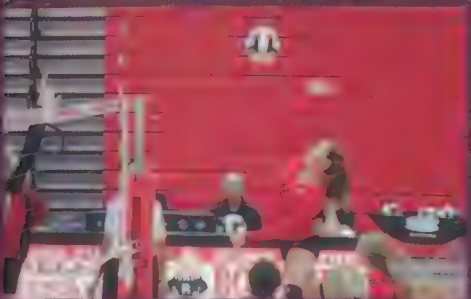


The RCHS Lady Bomber Varsity Volleyball Team had a tough but enjoyable season. The girls faced multiple injuries, yet they finished the season with 11 wins, including one conference win and advanced to the semi-final round of sectionals after beating Calumet New Tech in the first round. Unfortunately, they fell short to Andean and did not advance to the championship round. Madeline Barber made all conference, which is a tremendous achievement. The team was abundant with seniors this year, and although they are losing several seniors, they are returning multiple younger players who are extremely determined and will fill in these spots.





**Bailey Davis** prepares to pass the ball.



**Uria Gerlach** fiercely attacks the ball.



Sisters **Madeline** and **Emily Barber** go up to block the ball.



4) Senior **Jordyn Spangler** warms up before the game by stretching her arms. 5) **Bailey Davis** receives an awesome set from a teammate to finish the play. 6) **Uria Gerlach**, **Maddie Gehring**, and **Bailey Davis** all get in position to wait for a serve from their opponents. 7) **Jordyn Spangler** reaches for the stars while sending a set to **Emily Barber**. 8) Sophomore **Lily Martin** jumps to attempt a block. 9) **Maddie Gehring** goes up to send over a phenomenal attack. 10) The team stands together before the game for the National Anthem. 11) Sophomore **Morgan Moore** gets in position to receive a serve from the other team. 12) Seniors **Uria Gerlach**, **Madeline Barber**, and **Jordyn Spangler** celebrate an amazing play from the Bombers.



What is your favorite position to play and why?

**Emily Barber** - "Outside hitter because it's challenging but also more rewarding than others."



What game did you feel was the best game you played in?

**Morgan Moore** - "The KV game."



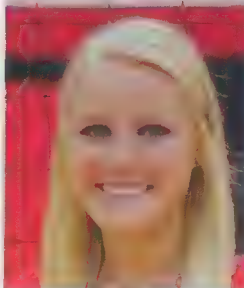
What team was your favorite to play against and why?

**Bailey Davis** - "West Central because they have about the same amount of talent as us."



What was the toughest thing about practice?

**Madeline Barber** - "Pumping up the underclassmen when we had late practice."





What was your favorite part about being a part of the team?

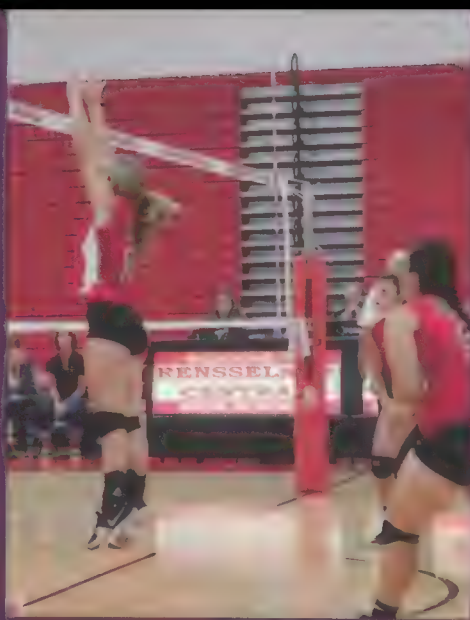
Lauren McGowan - "We were always laughing because we enjoyed each other's company."

What was your favorite position to play this season and why?

Sydney Potts - "Middle blocker because I'm good at blocking and hitting the ball to the corners."

What was the most memorable thing from this season?

Lilly Davisson - "During games we could hear the varsity cheering us on, and the encouragement was great."



The Rensselaer Central Lady Bomber Junior Varsity Volleyball team sure learned the value of teamwork this season. The girls faced many challenges this year with injuries but still managed to have a successful season. The team carried a 13-9 record. When asked about the season, freshman Daphne Dobson stated, "I learned a lot this season, and it was a fun way to be introduced to high school volleyball."

## JV VOLLEYBALL



1) Lilly Davisson reaches for the stars as she attempts to block the volleyball. 2) Middle blocker Sydney Potts blocks the ball down to score a point. 3) Sophomore Addy Cain attacks the ball. 4) Keri Sigman sets the ball. 5) Addy Cain serves the ball after her team scored a point. 6) Lauren McGowan digs the ball. 7) Alex Stevens serves the ball at the opposing team. 8) Freshman Becca Todd tosses the ball up to serve.





The Bomber's JV football team was a really strong team this year. The boys ended the year with a record of seven victorious games and one loss to West Lafayette. The JV team had many players that could possibly compete for a varsity position next year. Coach Nowlin and Coach Phillips preached all year to the young players, "To play on Friday nights, you must live in the weight room." Many took this to heart and worked hard this season. The next few years look promising for the Bombers.

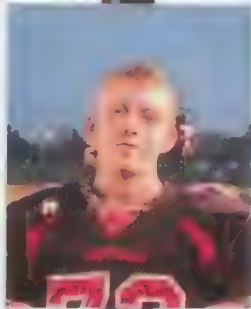


# JV FOOTBALL



What is your favorite position to play?

Mathew Barker-  
"Defensive Linemen"



Who is your favorite team to play?

David Barden-  
"Central Catholic "



Why do you play football?

Ricky Shupe - "Good form of exercise and also the team atmosphere."



1) **Ryne Webb** substitutes in as Quarterback. 2) **Tyler Hannon** cleans up after **Ryne Webb**. 3) **Jacob Trammel** waits for the call from the referee after he gets a tackle. 4) **Austin Becker** reads his blocks and gets up field. 5) Bomber JV defense getting ready to shut down a Central Catholic play. 6) The team celebrates after a victory at Central Catholic. 7) Pulling linemen run down the field to block. 8) **Will Capehart** boots the ball downfield on kickoff.





- 1) Ryne Webb holds the ball for Isaac Ahler to kick a PAT.
- 2) Koby Wright and Jonathon Hickman chase the quarterback.
- 3) Senior Bombers go to midfield for the coin toss.



# FOOTBALL



Having lost all of their starting players, RCHS Varsity Football was challenged with rebuilding the program after their 2014 state run. Players banded together and focused on getting stronger and faster through weight training and practice. Despite ending the season with a 4-6 record, the Bombers continued to push themselves to improve. The games were always fun and exciting for fans and players. The guys played every game with 48 minutes of determination, and Bomber fans supported the team until the end. Bomber Nation is definitely ready for 2016.





Junior **Will Spencer** adjusts his course to intercept the ball carrier.



The boys kickoff return team stands in a huddle to prepare for the game at North Newton.



**Trent McAdow** receives the direct hand-off and hits the hole **Luke Branson** created.



What is the reason you continue to play football?

Pedro Hernandez - "I love hitting people and not getting in trouble, and I just love the game."



What is your favorite position to play?

Jonathon Hickman - "Wide receiver."



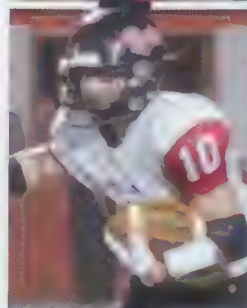
What do you like best about football?

Jared Shanely - "Hitting people and playing under the lights."



What position have you not played but would like to?

Garrett Eldridge - "Tight end because I have not played it before."



4) Senior **Garrett Eldridge** out-jumps his defender and reels in the ball for a fresh set of downs. 5) Senior **Austin Grist** warms up before the game by thoroughly stretching. 6) RCHS Bomber football fans dress in their beach attire to show their school spirit and support for the team. 7) **Keegan Stevens** hands the ball off to **Anthony Ybarra** for a trick play. 8) **Bryce Kingman** delivers a devastating block to a North Newton defensive lineman. 9) Bomber offense huddles to hear the play call. 10) Bomber defense lines up at the line of scrimmage. 11) **Jordan Arnett** fights past a Central Catholic offensive lineman to sack the quarterback. 12) **Garrett Eldridge** plays the head hunter on the varsity kickoff team.





How many years have you been cheering?

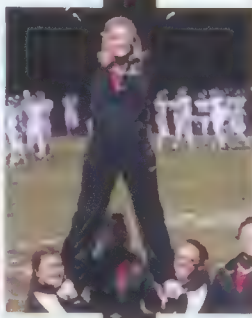
Morgan Wareing: "Ten years. Seven years of Pop Warner and three years of High School."

What's your favorite part about cheerleading?

Allie Stoker: "Being a part of a team that is not only my friends, but family."

What was your biggest improvement?

Jayci Byrd: "Getting my jumps higher and tighter. I enjoyed practicing them."



Cheerleading is an extreme sport which involves a lot of physical movement. RCHS' cheer team practices three times a week to help motivate not just our athletic teams, but also our student section and crowd. Throughout the year, the girls grow extremely close due to the extensive number of practices and games. They also were given the opportunity to teach young girls how to become better cheerleaders for the future. The experiences these girls gain will stick with them for the rest of their lives.



# CHEERLEADING



1) Cheerleaders cheer on the boys basketball team. 2) Jennyfer Guerreo lifts Jayci Byrd. 3) The cheer team rides in the back of the firetruck for the homecoming parade. 4) The RCHS cheerleaders spend time with Santa. 5) Madison Clapp and Morgan Wareing enjoy teaching the elementary cheer camp. 6) Katie Long and Sarah Leonard cheer for Ben Hillan. 7) Courtnee Lloyd performs a hitch. 8) Katie Long and Morgan Wareing pump up the crowd during the game.

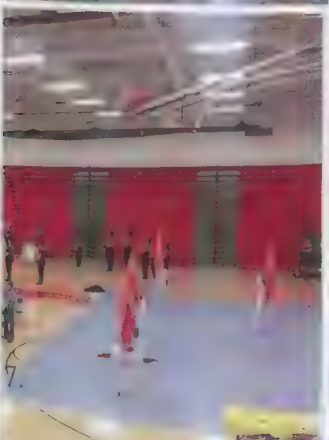




Color Guard is a way for students to express emotions through dancing. This club isn't for just anyone, hard work and dedication is a must. In the summer, these girls put in a lot of practice to prepare themselves for the long season ahead. There is also an extension of color guard during the winter, winter guard. This extension allows students to work together as a group and win competitions. Guard is a test of physical abilities and how well emotions can be expressed through movement.



# COLOR GUARD



1) The Guard receives their medals at finals. 2) Color Guard's colorful flags represent each sin in Pandora's Box. 3) **Brianna Angel** and **Jessica Ybarra** take the lead. 4) **Hope Adams** and **Chloe Brunton** perform at the Little Cousin Jasper parade. 5) The 2015-2016 RCHS Winter Guard 6) The girls perform at a competition. 7) The team practices in the gym. 8) The Guard performs during halftime at a football game.



What made you want to join Color Guard?

Skyler Shamp: "I saw them performing and told myself that was going to be me one day."



What is your favorite thing about Color Guard?

Chloe Brunton: "The sense of family and the feeling of exhilaration as you are performing."



Why do you participate in guard every year?

Courtney Budd: "I come back each year because I enjoy the bond I share with my team, and I enjoy the routines."





What are you going to miss most about the boys swim team here at RCHS?

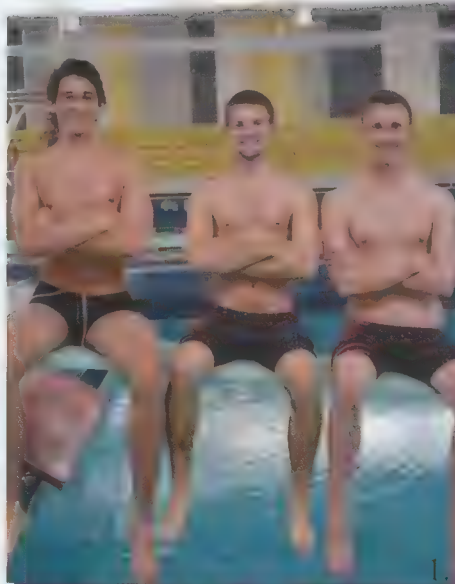
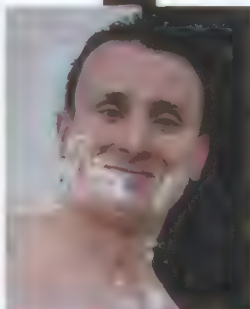
Joel Walker - "The bonds that I have made over the past four years with the guys on the team."

Was it difficult for you to be both a diver and a swimmer?

Morgan Molenaar - "Yes, I had to swim my event, grab my shammy, talk to the official, then dive and swim again."

Are you glad you decided to start swimming this year? Why?

Parker Jordan - "Yes, because I found out that really enjoy the sport, and I'm excited for next year."



The boys swim team took a turn for the better this school year. With a strikingly small team of eight last year, they recruited many and ended up with 17 guys this year. They had a much better season as well, ending with a record of 7-5. They placed 7th at Hoosier conference and finished 5th at sectionals. Joel Walker was only a second off of a state cut in the 100 free. They had many time improvements and lots of success, especially considering over half the team consisted of first and second year swimmers.



## BOYS SWIMMING

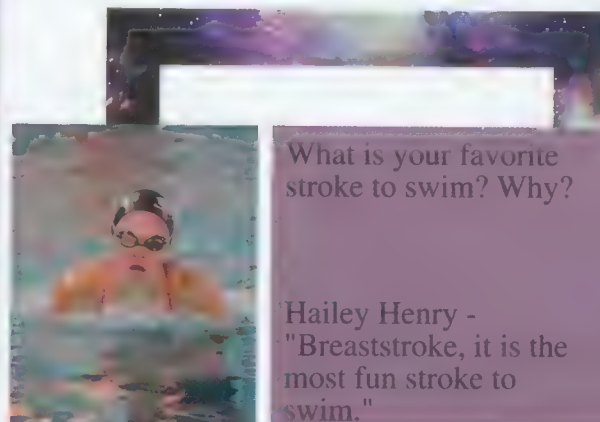


1) The senior boys get together on senior night. 2) Sam Mihalich pushes his body to the limit at sectionals. 3) The boys stand proud after their success at prelims. 4) The boys go to support the girls at sectional prelims on a Thursday. 5) Joel Walker walks with his parents on senior night. 6) Morgan Molenaar does a back dive at a home meet. 7) Sam Mihalich smiles widely after eating cupcakes during senior night. 8) Coach Brett Weilbaker gives an important pep talk to his swimmers before their races.





The girls swim team had an outstanding season with many accomplishments. Sophie Michael, Hailey Henry, Lauren Powell, and Hannah Hall broke the 200 free relay record with a time of 1:46.39. Also, breaking the 400 free relay record with a time of 3:54.79 was Hailey Henry, Lauren Powell, Sophie Michael, and Katherine Lank. The team placed third at Hoosier Conference beating West Lafayette for the first time and placed third at sectionals. They ended the season with a record of 12-4.



What is your favorite stroke to swim? Why?

Hailey Henry - "Breaststroke, it is the most fun stroke to swim."



What will you miss most about swimming at RCHS?

Nichole Stath - "Being with everyone, getting to know all the girls, and cheering everyone on at meets."

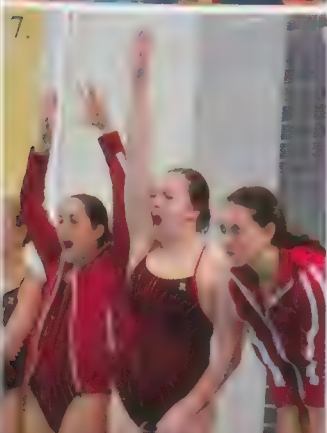
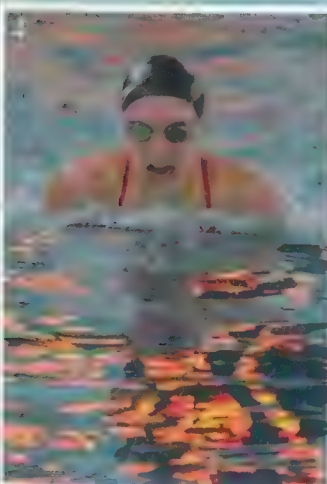


What are you looking forward to most about your senior year of swimming?

Ava Jackson - "Team bonding and getting to know the new freshmen on the team."



# GIRLS SWIMMING



1) Ava Jackson and Ava Davisson share a hug after getting an outstanding time in their race. 2) Sophie Michael sprints to finish her race during sectional finals. 3) The girls cheer on their teammates. 4) Hannah Hall takes a breath during her breaststroke race. 5) Sonny Anderson keeps a good pace during a long race. 6) The girls relay team celebrates breaking a school record. 7) Lauren McGowan, Sonny Anderson, and Ava Jackson cheer loudly during an intense race. 8) Kelsy Spurgeon swims butterfly.





What was your personal goal for this season?

Austin Warran - "To have as much fun as I can and to make it to state."



What was the most challenging match you had this season?

Brandon Dunlap - "Senior night when we wrestled against Benton Central."

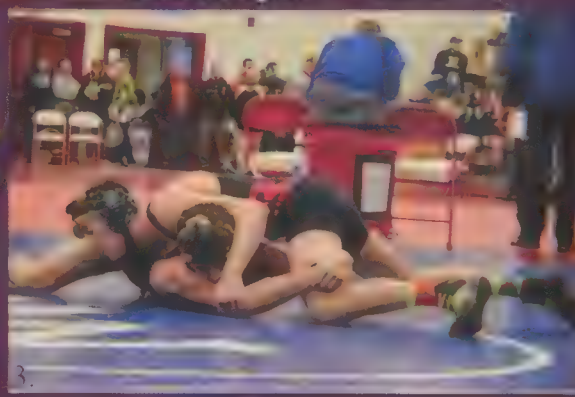


What is your favorite memory from this season?

Brayden Wright - "When we tucked our sweatpants into our socks during practice."



The RCHS wrestling team had an out of this world season. The guys dedicated time and energy into their practices and matches. Brady White and Ryne Webb placed first in each of their weight classes during sectionals. They advanced to regionals along with Colin Stanley and Austin Warran. White and Webb went 2 and 1 at regionals and advanced to semi-state. Unfortunately, neither of these wrestlers got the chance to move onto state. Congratulations on an outstanding wrestling season boys!



## WRESTLING



1) Tomas Saavedra waits for the whistle during his match. 2) Freshman Brayden Wright has the upper hand against his opponent. 3) Four year wrestler Austin Warran goes all in to defeat his opponent to place in finals. 4) Caleb Wamsley wins his match by a pin. 5) Brady White wrestles his way to the final round to compete for first place. 6) Ryne Webb works to get up for an escape point. 7) Junior Zachary Wamsley sets up for a pin. 8) Tyler Hannon getting the takedown.



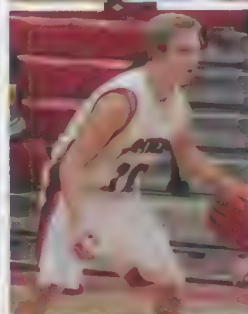


The junior varsity basketball team had a successful year. The Bombers looked very good for most of the season but couldn't close out a couple games. When the team needed a bucket, they turned to their freshman point guard, Jerrett Nagel. Freshman Joey Stiltz flourished at the end of the year, showing much improvement. With a young varsity team, this JV team definitely has another year to grow and learn before the jump to varsity. The future looks very bright for the Bomber basketball program.



What is your favorite part about basketball?

"JT Feagans - I really enjoyed playing with my teammates."



Who is your favorite team to play? Why?

Jerrett Nagel - "Tri-County because they are a rival school."



What is your favorite memory from the season?

Thadd Edelman - "Playing with the guys I grew up with."

## JV BOYS BASKETBALL



1) Junior **Kobe Austin** launches a three pointer over his defender. 2) Sophomore **JT Feagans** makes a move on his opponent. 3) Point guard **Jerrett Nagel** beats his defender. 4) **Joey Stiltz** crosses up his opponent to get to the rim. 5) **Jerrett Nagel** looks for a passing lane. 6) Sophomore **JT Feagans** chases his assignment on defense. 7) Freshman **Joey Stiltz** shoots a free throw to help increase the Bombers lead. 8) **Joey Stiltz** grabs a rebound with one hand.





1) Landon Balch starts off the game by winning the tip. 2) Jaylen Gilbert leads the team out for warm ups. 3) Grant Myers looks for an opening.

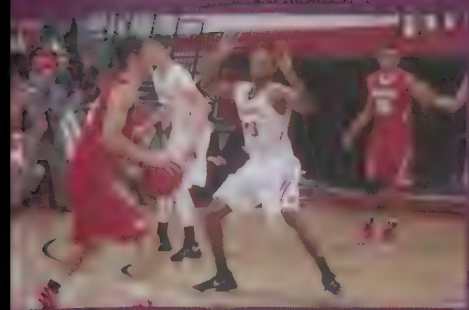


# BOYS BASKETBALL



This year was an odd year for the varsity team. For the first time in a long time, the team consisted of no seniors. The players took an intergalactic trip all the way to the sectional tournament, but unfortunately, they came up short while attempting to achieve a sectional title. The team finished the season with a record of 9 wins and 15 losses. Three year veteran shooting guard Grant Myers said, "The juniors had to step up our game. Our offense field goal percentage was good, but we definitely need to do better preventing turnovers." With much dedication and drive, the boys Bomber basketball team is confident they will have a successful 2016-2017 season.





**De'Shawn Warren** gets into a defensive stance.



**Jaylen Gilbert** attempts to stop the offensive player from scoring.



**Grant Myers** shoots a free throw after drawing a foul on a layup.



4) **Luke Branson** sinks a shot to score in the beginning of the game. 5) **Evan Brandenburg** prepares for the ball to be thrown inbounds. 6) Sophomore **Jaylen Gilbert** attempts to score a three pointer to give the Bombers the lead. 7) **De'Shawn Warren** tries to keep the opponent from driving down the middle and scoring. 8) Junior **Ben Hillan** makes an out of this world pass over his defender. 9) **Grant Myers** jumps up to block a shot. 10) **Kobe Austin** and **Luke Branson** listen to Coach McFarland's pre-game talk before the Hebron game. 11) **Jaylen Gilbert** makes a move to get past his defender while looking for opportunities to score. 12) Junior **Grant Myers** brings the ball up the court against the Kankakee Valley Kougars.



What does the team need to do to improve for the upcoming season?



Luke Branson - "We need to win close games."



Which was your best game and why?

Kobe Austin - "North Newton because I made 6 three pointers and played excellent defense, leading to a win."



What has basketball taught you throughout the years?

Jaylen Gilbert - "It has taught me how to work well with others and get buckets."



What is the best piece of advice Coach McFarland has given you?

De'Shawn Warren - "To play as a team."





1) Morgan Fleming puts up a three point shot. 2) Lexie Wuethrich drives the lane. 3) Marijka Lynch-Pastoor locks up her opponent.



# GIRLS BASKETBALL



Rensselaer girls basketball went 5-17 on the season. Having started rough, they pulled it together at the end of the year but ultimately lost in the first round of sectionals to Andean. The team had a mix of all grade levels contributing to the team. Sophomores Addy Cain and Morgan Fleming helped the team, while juniors Marijka Lynch-Pastoor, Cassie Marlow, and Emily Barber did their part; the two seniors Kylie Nugent and Mady Wright provided reliable shooting and leadership, which will be greatly missed. The varsity squad had many close games that they just couldn't pull out. The girls plan on working even harder to have a much better season next year.





Senior **Mady Wright** practices shooting before the game.



**Marijka Lynch-Pastoor** gets fouled on her lay up attempt.



The Bombers prepare for their next play.



What are your goals for next season?

Lexie Wuethrich - "To win sectionals."



What did you enjoy most about the season?

Addy Cain - "Spending time with my teammates and team bonding."



How long have you played basketball?

Kylie Nugent - "I started playing in fifth grade."



What was your favorite game of the season and why?

Mady Wright - "South Newton because there was a big crowd and a lot of energy."



4) The Bomber varsity team huddles up before the game to get mentally prepared for the competition. 5) Sophomore **Morgan Fleming** moves around the screen set by **Cassie Marlow** and looks to score. 6) The varsity girls basketball team stands together during the national anthem. 7) Senior **Mady Wright** shoots a three point shot over her defender and leads the Lady Bombers to a victory. 8) **Cassie Marlow** and **Lexie Wuethrich** try to block a shot. 9) **Marijka Lynch-Pastoor** boxes out her defender and watches the shot go in. 10) **Morgan Fleming** shoots over her opponent. 11) **Morgan Fleming** brings the ball up to set up the Bombers offense and attempts to score. 12) **Morgan Fleming** and **Marijka Lynch-Pastoor** look to set up the zone.





What did you enjoy about the season?

Sara Steinke - "The team bonding and getting to know my teammates."

What was your best memory from the season?

Lilly Davisson - "Getting to dress for sectionals."

What are your goals for next year?

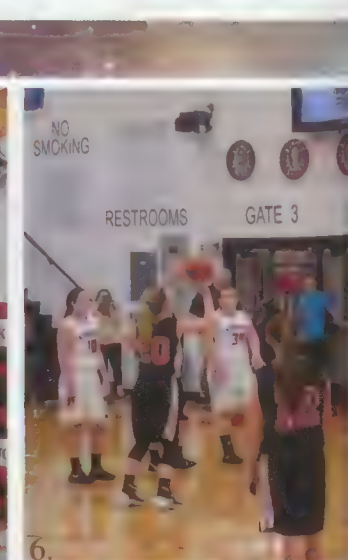
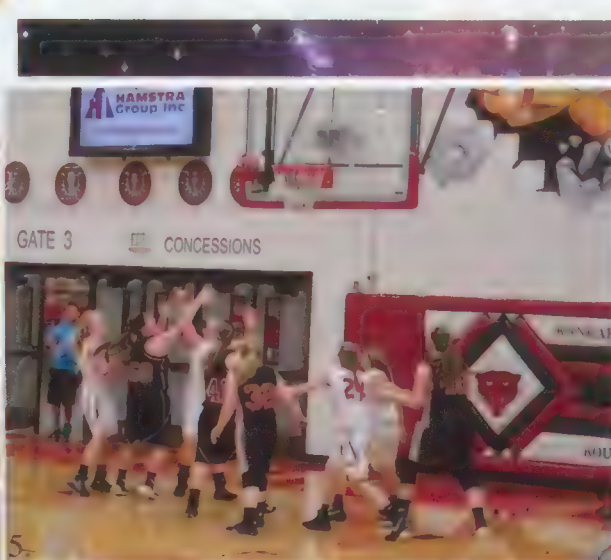
Sydney Potts - "To work harder and win more games."



The Rensselaer girls JV basketball team finished with a record of 10 -10, ending their season at .500. The girls struggled with a mix of ages on the team, but these players showed signs of great potential. Most of the JV girls will continue to improve in skill and grow in dexterity next season. Freshmen Lilly Davisson, Carlie Marlow, Sydney Potts, and Becca Todd were a great contribution to the team. The sophomores and juniors continue to work hard in hopes to make varsity next year.



## JV GIRLS BASKETBALL



1) Freshman Sydney Potts shoots a three over her defender. 2) Kerry Branson posts up on the block. 3) Sydney Potts wins the opening tip to give her team the ball. 4) The Bomber JV girls basketball team breaks from the huddle during a time out. 5) The Bombers attempt to secure the rebound. 6) Lilly Davisson shoots a free throw to help her team. 7) Sara Steinke attempts a contested lay up over two defenders. 8) Kerry Branson passes to Sydney Potts.

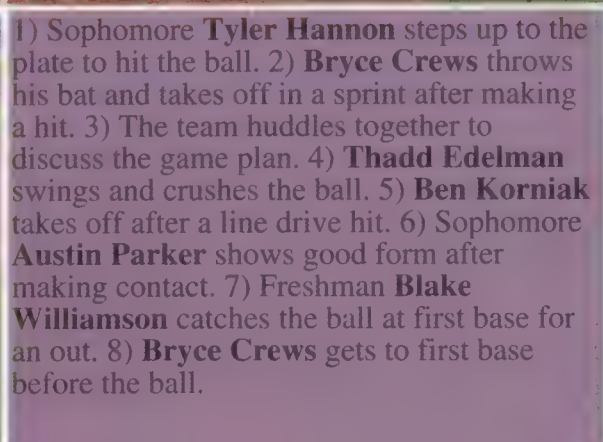




The JV boys baseball team had an outstanding season with few strikeouts and lots of steals. They played as a team which brought them closer as friends and as a family on the field. Many of their games were cancelled due to nasty weather, but that didn't stop them from giving it their all. The five incoming freshmen were a great asset to the team this year and will only continue to improve as the years go on. Overall, it was a successful season, and the RCHS baseball program is sure to benefit from these players next year.



## JV BASEBALL



1) Sophomore **Tyler Hannon** steps up to the plate to hit the ball. 2) **Bryce Crews** throws his bat and takes off in a sprint after making a hit. 3) The team huddles together to discuss the game plan. 4) **Thadd Edelman** swings and crushes the ball. 5) **Ben Korniak** takes off after a line drive hit. 6) Sophomore **Austin Parker** shows good form after making contact. 7) Freshman **Blake Williamson** catches the ball at first base for an out. 8) **Bryce Crews** gets to first base before the ball.



What is your favorite position to play on the baseball field and why?

Austin Parker - "My favorite position to play is left field because it's fun playing in the outfield."



What was your most memorable moment from the season?

Aidan Stevens - "Hitting a homerun against North Newton."



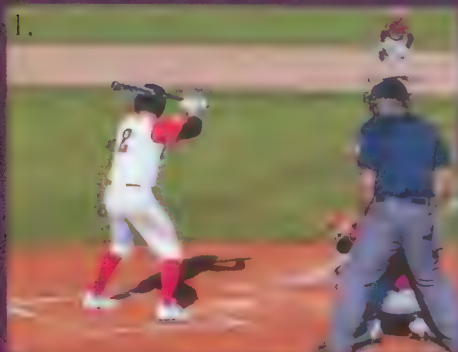
Who is your favorite team to play against and why?

Ethen Wiseman - "Benton Central because it is really intense."

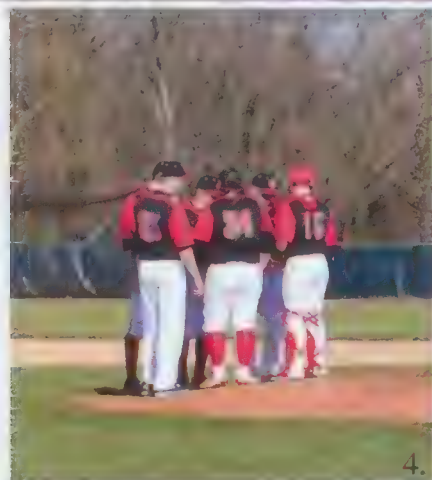




1) Keegan Stevens gets ready to swing while up at bat. 2) Clay Martin prepares to pitch. 3) Jonathon Hickman pitches at the Railcats Stadium.



# BASEBALL



The Rensselaer Central High School varsity baseball team was full of upperclassmen this year. The team will be losing 7 seniors: Austin Anderson, Clay Martin, Aaron McGowan, Josh Purevich, Jon Smith, Keegan Stevens, and Hunter Wright. The weather caused many games to be cancelled, but when they were rescheduled, the boys played their hardest. The baseball team competed in the first year of the Hoosier Conference baseball tournament. Unfortunately, the boys lost their first game to Northwestern High School 7-4. The team then played a second game against Twin Lakes High School and won 8-3. Ultimately, they placed seventh in the conference.





**Ryne Webb** leads off of third base, ready to score a run.



The team celebrates a home run by **Keegan Stevens** as he crosses home plate.



**Clay Martin** gets a lead off of first base.



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4) The infielders and pitcher gather for a meeting on the pitching mound with Coach Stevens. 5) **Jonathon Hickman** catches a fly ball to the infield while the outfield backs him up. 6) Junior **Trenton McAdow** slides into home plate to score a run against Tri-County. 7) Senior **Aaron McGowan** prepares to swing while up to bat. 8) **Keegan Stevens** winds up to pitch the ball to the opposing player who is up to bat. 9) **Jonathon Hickman** fields a ground ball and gets ready to throw to the first baseman to get an out. 10) Junior **Austin VanMeter** prepares to hit the ball while waiting for a pitch. 11) Senior **Keegan Stevens** runs to first base to beat the throw and avoids getting out. 12) **Trenton McAdow** leaps across home plate to score a run against Central Catholic.



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What was the best game this season and why?  
**Trenton McAdow** - "The conference game against Twin Lakes because we redeemed ourselves after losing twice to them."



What was the best part about being on the team?



**Jon Smith** - "Everyone gets along and there is no negativity."



What will you miss most about being on the team?

**Clay Martin** - "The brotherhood and just the love of the game."



What was the most memorable moment of the season?

**Ryne Webb** - "Coming back and beating Benton Central in extra innings at home; it was an intense game."



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- 1) Morgan Moore delivers a pitch to the opposing team.
- 2) The team warms up before a game by hitting wiffle balls.
- 3) Infielders celebrate an out.



# SOFTBALL



The Lady Bomber Softball team worked really hard this season to improve their game. Replacing last year's five seniors with incoming underclassmen took a lot of getting used to and work. The softball team works hard in the off-season by practicing hitting and staying in shape. The team's biggest competition this year was the weather. Rain and cold sent the girls inside for most of the season and cancelled many games. The girls pushed through, however, and enjoyed all of their time on the field. The team will lose 3 seniors this year: Uria Gerlach, Cayci Lane, and Madyson Wright. These girls offered a lot of leadership and will be missed.





The team celebrates a homerun hit by **Sydney Potts** against the Tri-County Cavaliers.



Pitchers **Sydney Potts** and **Cheryl Sutton** warm up before a big game.



**Bailey Craig** scores a run by sliding into home plate.



What are you going to miss most about high school softball?

**Uria Gerlach** - "Traveling to away games with my team."



Who is your favorite team to play against?

**Hope Manns** - "My favorite team to play is BC because they're good competition and it's fun to watch how good they are."



What was your experience playing varsity as a freshman?

**Sydney Potts** - "I was nervous playing with more experienced girls but getting to know them was a lot of fun."



What was your favorite memory from this season?

**Kerry Branson** - "Watching Morgan and Sydney hit homeruns."



4) Infielders **Cheryl Sutton**, **Bailey Craig**, **Morgan Moore**, **Madyson Wright**, and **Cayci Lane** discuss a play in the circle during a timeout. 5) Junior **Hope Manns** keeps her eye on the batter and is ready to stop any line drive. 6) The Bombers proudly line up to honor our country by joining in the national anthem before their game. 7) Center fielder **Uria Gerlach** enters the outfield to play defense. 8) Senior **Cayci Lane** gets low to catch the ball and get a runner out on first. 9) **Shay Zulaski** prepares to run to second base. 10) **Hope Manns** runs to first base after a good hit. 11) Second baseman **Madyson Wright** dives for the ball while on defense against Lafayette Central Catholic. 12) Sophomore **Alex Stevens** hits a line drive over the Twin Lakes shortstop's head.





What is the hardest mental/physical obstacle you have faced in cross country this season?

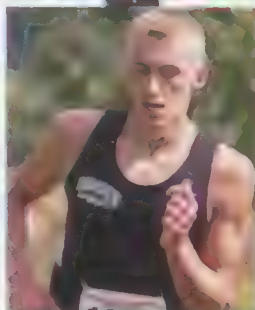
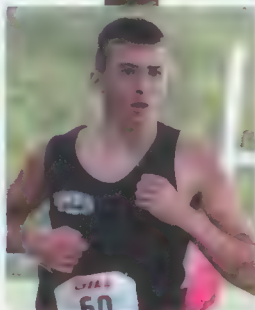
Austin Parker - "Mr. Dobson's practices definitely pushed me to the limit."

What was your favorite year of cross country and why?

Beau Balch - "My freshman year because I was introduced to an awesome but hard activity."

Why did you decide to run cross country?

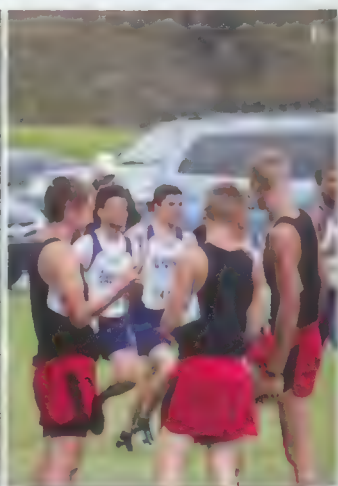
Preston Tanner - "I decided to do cross country to lose weight for drag racing."



The boys cross country team had a very eventful and successful season full of sweat, tears, and hard work. Although they did not have a full team for the majority of the season, they still put forth their best effort in all of the races. They are hoping to recruit more members for next year, so they can compete as a whole team. Beau Balch made All-Conference this year with a time of 18 minutes flat. Coach Dobson always pushes them to do their best, and it clearly showed in their races.



## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

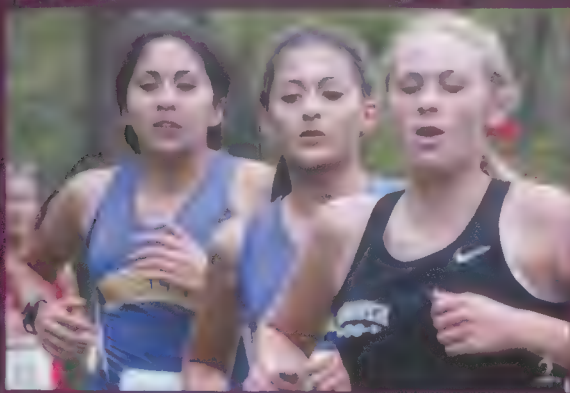


1) Beau Balch pushes himself while competing at an invite. 2) Coach Dobson crosses his fingers and hopes for a good outcome from his athletes. 3) The boys step up to the starting line. 4) The boys are ecstatic after a successful race. 5) Beau Balch stays ahead of the pack at an invite. 6) The boys huddle up before a big race begins. 7) Preston Tanner and John Clay Anderson pace each other in their race. 8) John Clay Anderson has a strong finish.



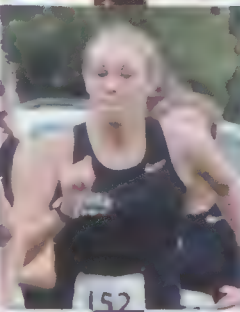


The girls cross country team shot for the stars this season. The team had a surplus of talent and dedication. They earned first place at the North White invitational, the RCHS invitational, and in sectionals. Leعالison Korniak, Morgan Fleming and Hailey Henry even qualified for Semi-State. The team gained Morgan Fleming, Jessica Moe, and Mayra Rodriguez but will be losing five seniors. This will impact the team but not break them. They still have strong underclassman to carry the team in the future.



What is the toughest obstacle you have faced this season?

Nicole Stath - "Brick days and the courage to keep going when I am in pain."



What helps you continue going strong?

Emily Britt - "My coach, my teammates, and my good looking legs."



What goes through your mind before a race?

Mackenzie Flanigan - "The faster I go, the faster I finish."

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY



1) Sophomore **Ally Arnold** fights to get ahead. 2) Determination plays across **Emily Britt's** face as she fights to keep her lead. 3) **Morgan Fleming** and **Leعالison Korniak** run side by side. 4) Semi-State qualifiers **Hailey Henry** and **Leعالison Korniak** make the other teams eat their dust. 5) The runners start off strong at a home meet. 6) The girls show off their medals at New Haven. 7) First time competitor **Jessica Moe** looks at the long course ahead. 8) The team blasts off at the start.





What was your favorite part of senior year tennis?

Aaron McGowan - "Getting to spend it with my friends, improving, and mentoring the underclassmen and Xzavier."



How did you grow stronger in tennis?

Jared Valentine - "Coach Cawby helped me improve my technique during practice."



Who influenced you the most during tennis?

Xzavier Fontaine - "The other seniors, Aaron and Michael, because they helped me be the best I can be."



The RCHS Boys Tennis team endured a tough season this fall. Past assistant coach Cawby took over as head coach this season. The guys worked hard together and individually to bond as a team and triumph over the hard matches. The seniors welcomed new freshmen along with Senior Xzavier Fontaine, but the team is losing three great seniors. The underclassmen hope to expand the team in the upcoming years.



# BOYS TENNIS



1) Michael Effinger hits the ball back to his opponent. 2) Freshmen Mahesh Chaganti warms up before a match. 3) Seniors Michael Effinger and Aaron McGowan double up against the opposing team. 4) The varsity team lines up before the match. 5) Senior Xzavier Fontaine serves a powerful hit. 6) Roman Villegas hits a challenging serve. 7) Freshman Trenton Musch lines up to hit the ball. 8) Jared Valentine goes up for a serve against Hanover Central.





The Rensselaer Girls Tennis team experienced high and low points this season, but regardless of their record, they enjoyed being around each other. The girls couldn't quite pull it all together throughout the year, but the underclassmen learned a lot from the more experienced players. The team will have quite a few players returning next year, but the girls will greatly miss the leadership of seniors Kayty Kryshak and Paige Morris. These players had a lot of fun on the courts and hope for a better 2017.



# GIRLS TENNIS



- 1) Jaci Engleking strikes the ball toward her opponent from Winamac.
- 2) Junior Holly Johnson hits the ball back to the other team.
- 3) Senior Paige Morris gets ready to serve the ball.
- 4) Elaine He runs up to hit the ball on defense, keeping the ball in play.
- 5) Ava Jackson moves her feet to get to the ball in time.
- 6) Kayty Kryshak runs out and high fives her teammates at the start of the match.
- 7) Jaci Engleking tracks the ball down.
- 8) Paige Morris returns the ball to score.



What is your favorite part about tennis?

Kayla Fishtorn - "The team bonding."



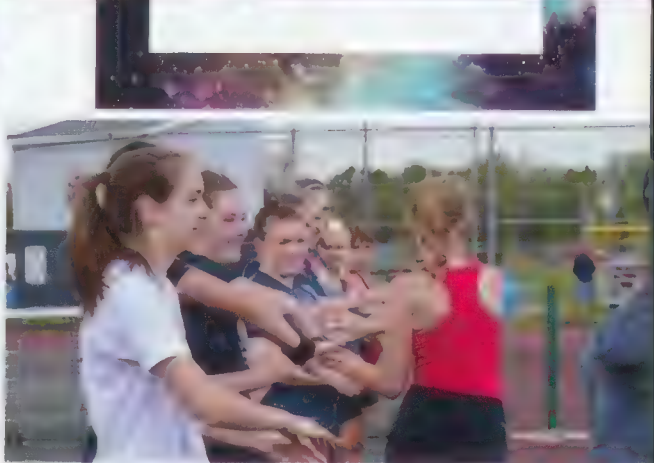
How long have you been playing tennis?

Ava Jackson - "Since freshman year."



Who is your favorite school to play?

Kayty Kryshak - "North Judson."





What made you decide to start golfing this year?

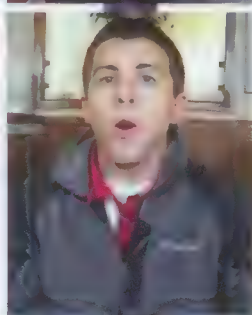
Drew Meyer - "I thought it would be fun and I wanted to get better at it."

What has playing golf taught you?

Jared Shanley - "How to be humble and respect myself and others."

Would you recommend this sport to younger athletes and why?

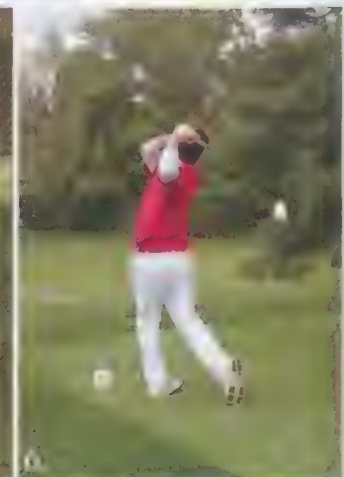
Brantley Culp - "Yes, because golf is an individual sport and you don't have to depend on other people."



The boys golf team swung into the season looking very focused and ready to crush some drives and sink some putts. They have a very solid team that is always consistent. The top four include Jared Shanley, Brantley Culp, Ben Hillan, and Garrett Eldridge. They are currently 7-2-0 before sectionals and plan to advance to regionals as a team. They placed third at their own invite, which consisted of 18 teams. They placed 6th at Hoosier Conference with Jared Shanley leading the way, placing second overall.



## BOYS GOLF



1) Brantley Culp warms up before the Lake Central Invite. 2) Jared Shanley steps up to hit after his opponent from CC. 3) The team lets loose after a victory against North Newton. 4) The boys placed third at their own invite. 5) Garrett Eldridge and Ben Hillan practice their drives before a match. 6) Jared Shanley tees off to begin his playoff for first place. 7) Coach Feagans gives Austin Grist some pointers. 8) Garrett Eldridge, Jared Shanley, and JT Feagans smile after playing well at a match.





The RCHS Girls Golf team had an outstanding season this year. They ended the season with a record of 8-3. At the Rensselaer Invite, they placed second with 428 points. In a three way meet against North Newton and West Central, they placed first with 214 points. They placed fourth at sectionals at Twin Lakes home course with 422 points. Jillian Lucero moved onto regionals individually. Kerry Branson just missed the cut off to move onto regionals. Congratulations on a successful season.



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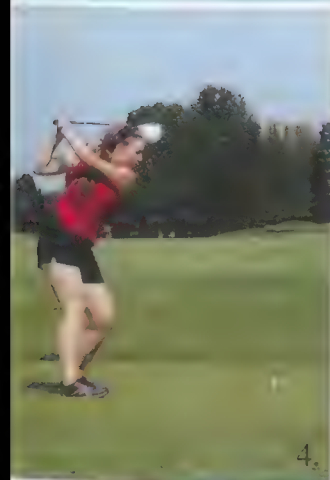


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1) Kerry Branson gets ready to tee off. 2) Seniors Lauren Powell, Ava Davisson, and Jillian Lucero wait for the JV players to finish the match. 3) Sophie Michael lines up her putt. 4) Jillian Lucero is about to begin her next hole. 5) Katie Myers checks scores with her opponents. 6) The girls support Ava Davisson before the crowning of the Homecoming Queen. 7) Ava Davisson shows her excitement when she is awarded a medal at the Rensselaer Invite. 8) Freshman Abbigale Mahan lines up her ball.



What was your favorite memory from golf this year?

Hilary Hall - "Being a part of a great sport and cheering on the upperclassmen."



What was your favorite course to play on this year and why?

Katie Myers - "I really loved the Tippecanoe Country Club. It's a very nice and scenic course."



What are you going to miss most about golf at RCHS?

Lauren Powell - "The team. The team was really close knit, and we were all there for each other at some point or another."



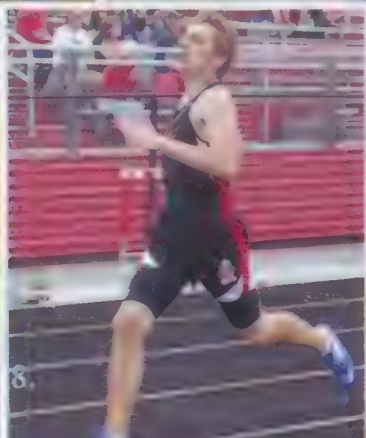
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1) Junior **Braden Dobson** pole vaults. 2) **John Clay Anderson** paces himself during the mile. 3) **Will Capehart** and **Jarrett Allen** sprint hard to the finish.



# BOYS TRACK



The Rensselaer Boys Track team traveled to great heights this season. This year's strong team managed to outrun, outjump, and outthrow many other teams. This year, the team will lose three outstanding athletes: Jack Ziese, who throws shot put, Beau Balch, the number one distance runner, and Caleb Moore, who competes in sprinting events. Beau Balch has signed to run for Saint Joseph's College. Without the countless hours on the track, they would not have been such a strong team this season. As a team, they placed very well in all meets including the indoor meet held at Purdue, which had over 15 teams competing. Congratulations on an outstanding season this year, boys!





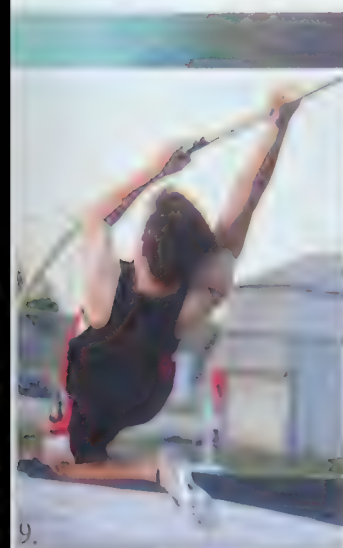
Sophomore **Efrain Padron** swings up to clear the bar in pole vault.



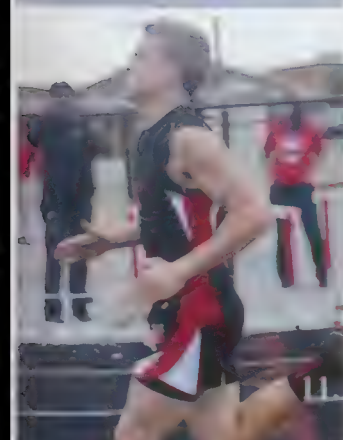
Varsity thrower **Luke Branson** sets up to throw shot put at the 2016 Conference meet.



**Bryce Kingman** gets the 4x1 team hyped before they compete in the "Fat Man" race.



- 4) Four year distance runner **Beau Balch** runs for first place in the 4x8 relay. 5) **Jordan Arnett** throws shot put to score points for the team at South Newton. 6) Sophomore **Martin Murillo** takes the lead in the mile run. 7) Freshman **Drew Rentschler** runs the 4x8 meter relay in the three way meet against Faith Christian and Lafayette Central Catholic. 8) Varsity sprinter **Jarrett Allen** wins his heat in the 400 meter run at the RMD meet. 9) **Brayden Wright** in flight to clear ten feet in pole vault at the Hoosier Conference. 10) Two Rensselaer varsity distance runners lead the pack in the two mile run. 11) **Parker Jordan** strongly finishes the 400 meter run at Twin Lakes. 12) **Landon Balch** takes first place with a height of six foot five inches in high jump.



What did you enjoy most this season?

**Jerrett Nagel** - "The team since everyone was so welcoming and fun to be around."



What was your biggest accomplishment this year?

**Jack Ziese** - "Being close with my teammates and winning shot put on senior night."



Which event is your favorite and why?

**Graham Balvich** - "Shuddle hurdles because we only run them once or twice a year."



What is your favorite memory from this season?

**Isaac Ahler** - "I will most remember the good times I got to spend with my teammates."

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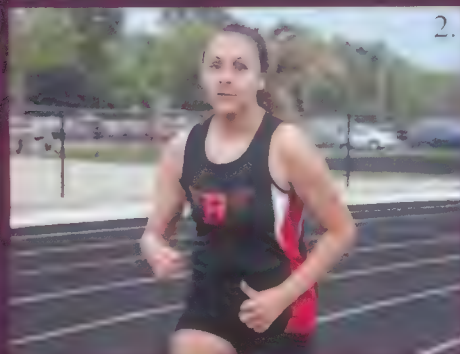




1) Erica Brownfield winds up to throw the disc. 2) Mayra Rodriguez runs at Twin lakes. 3) The 2016 Lady Bomber track team at Central Catholic.



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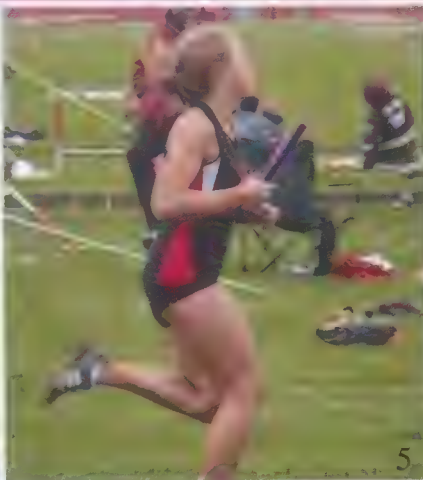


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Girls Track has a very diverse pool of athletes to choose from. Seniority doesn't guarantee you will compete; only blood, sweat, and many days of sore legs will get you a top spot on this elite team. The day before many large meets, competing racers will try to race their way into the varsity lineup. Others will throw, hurdle, or jump their way there. This way, there is always an equal chance to earn a varsity spot or compete as an alternate in case an illness or injury occurs. Week in and week out, these runners, throwers, and jumpers go through difficult training consisting of lifting weights, speed workouts, and distance runs. The track team had an out of this world season; way to go, girls!





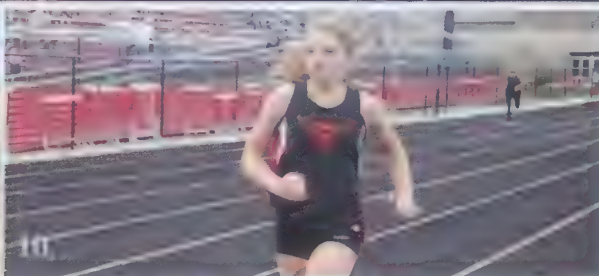
Emily Barber holds Monica Clemente's starting blocks so she can get a quick start in the 200 Meter Dash.



Freshman Meredith Lucero successfully pole vaults over the cross bar.



Jessy Kuiper springs off the long jump board and into the sand pit.



4) Junior **KT Kem** focuses before throwing the discus. 5) Senior **Leealison Korniak** is a strong anchoring leg on the 4 x 400 meter relay team. 6) **Emily Barber** leads by a few steps in the 100 meter dash. 7) **Lilly Davisson** shows off her speed in the 200 meter dash. 8) **Jocelyn Polanek** runs strong in the 4 x 800 meter relay at South Newton. 9) **Hannah Hall** utilizes stamina during the 4 x 800 meter relay. 10) Freshman **Madison Culbreth** competes at the 101st annual RMD track meet at Twin Lakes. 11) **Gracie VanWienen** uses her whole body as she prepares to throw the shot during a meet. 12) Sophomore **Morgan Fleming** uses perfect form as she competes in high jump, launching herself over the height of 4 feet 8 inches.



What is your favorite event and why?

Morgan Fleming - "The mile because it is a good distance."



What is your personal best in discus and what do you do to try to beat that?

KT Kem - "It is 116 feet, and I practice everyday."



If you could change anything about your high school track career what would it be?

Riley Hickman - "I wouldn't have have changed a thing."



If you could try a new event, what would it be?

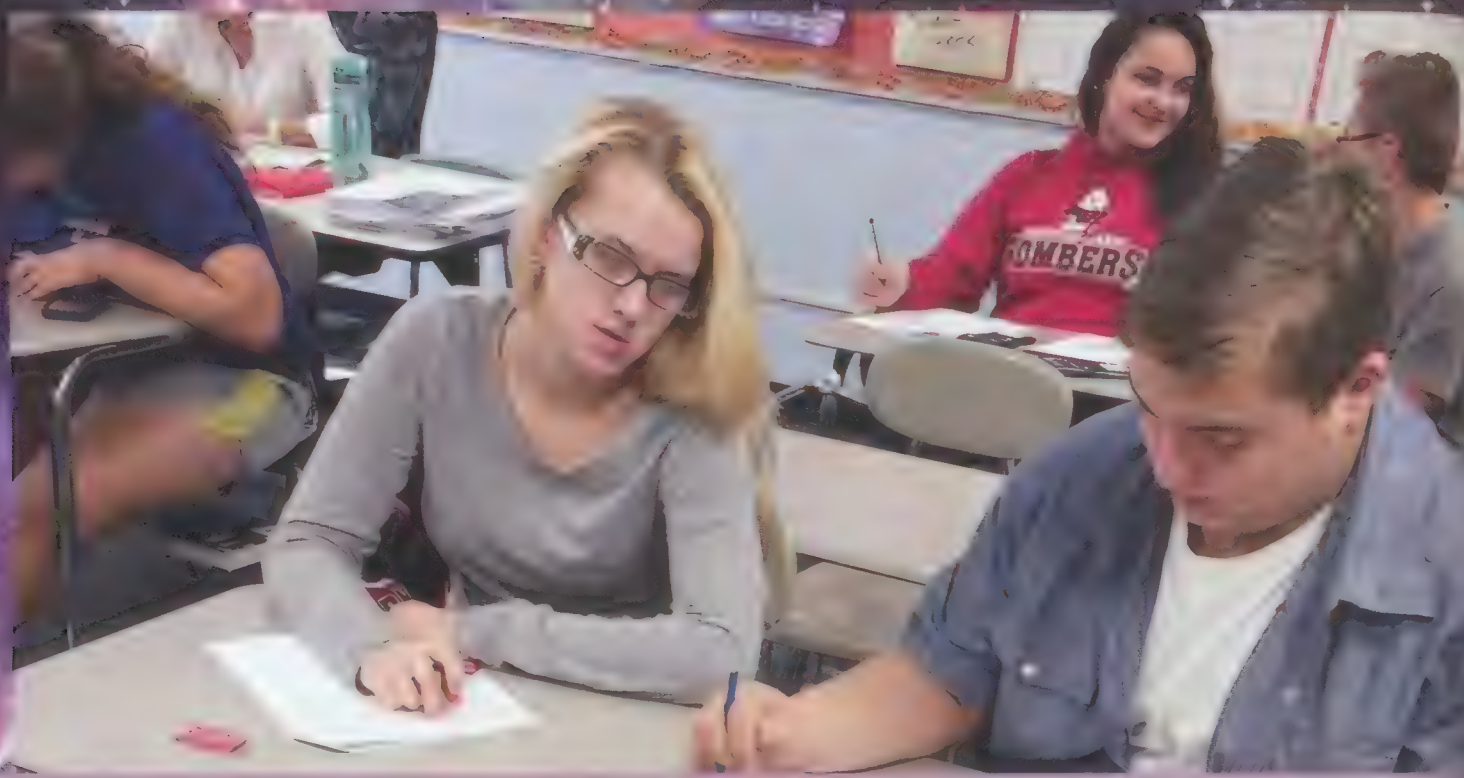
Miranda Lennex - "I think I would do hurdles to try something new and different."



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# ACADEMICS

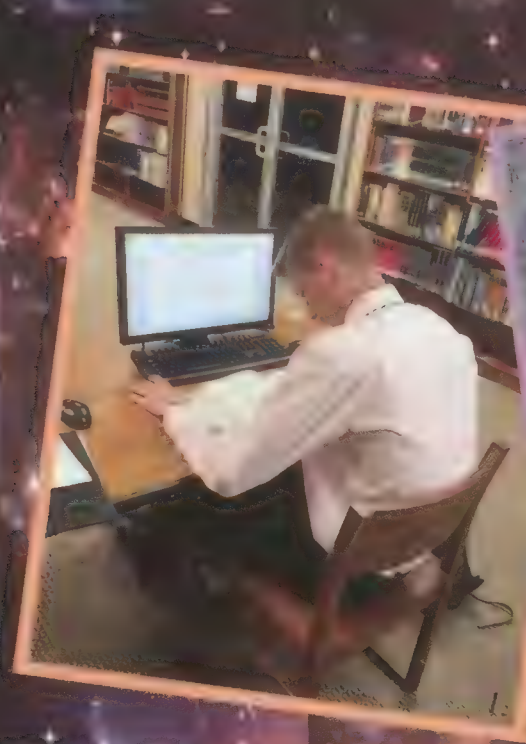
## OF A NEW AGE











What is your favorite book you have read this year and why?

**Cheryl Sutton** - "The Most Dangerous Game" because they're interesting and fun.



What is something you've learned about yourself from the English class year?

**Aiden Stevens** - "I learned how to write more effectively and how to organize literature."

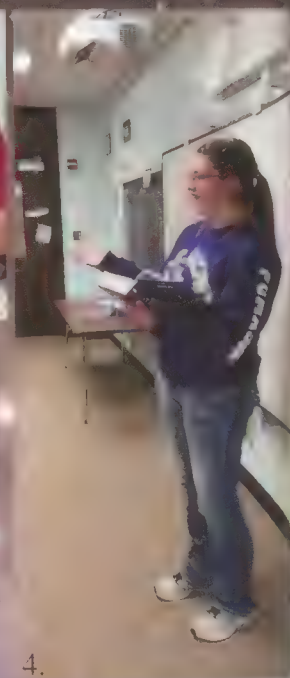


What is your favorite thing about English class and why?

**Riley Hickman** - "I like almost everything because I like having a lot to read and write."



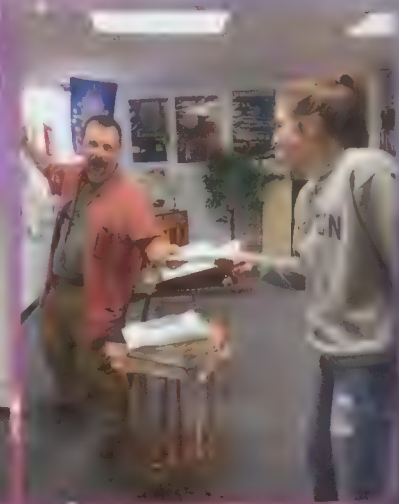
1) Senior **Pierce VanHouten** works diligently on a research paper. 2) **Mrs. Schneider** and students enjoy reliving the 1920's during her Gatsby party. 3) Freshman **Jeffery Green** paints a pumpkin for *The Halloween Tree* in Ms. Terpstra's class. 4) **Cayci Lane** gives a presentation about who she considers to be a hero.



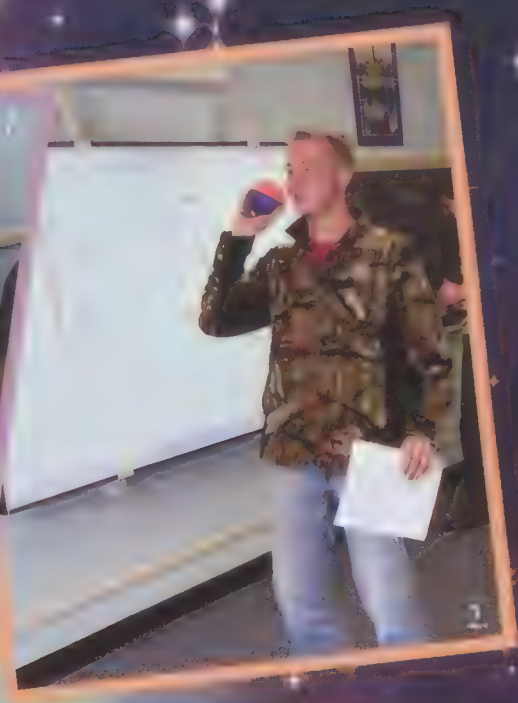
# ENGLISH

This year, the RCHS English department welcomed new teacher Ms. Giordano and returning teacher Ms. Terpstra. English class gives students a chance to express themselves, challenge themselves, and prepare for future English based courses. Throughout the year, students get to participate in many things such as creative and academic writing, studying novels, acting in plays, group activities, class presentations and group discussions.

Bottom: **Mr. Current** reads a scene from the novel *Anthem* to his freshmen class. Right: **Mr. Sell** excitedly passes back a revised version of senior **Jordyn Spangler's** Annotated Bibliography about greed in British Literature.







1) **Sarah Leonard** helps **Blair Standish** understand a math problem. 2) **Nate Hill** shoots a basket in trashketball after he gets a question right on his study guide. 3) **Mr. Brenneman** helps sophomore **Hannah Ritchie** on a homework assignment. 4) **Isaac Ahler** works on his math assignment.

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It's not that hard, but this year I've learned from the math teachers and how to study better.

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How do you feel about being a math teacher? I love it. I love to see my students succeed. I love to see them grow. I love to see them become confident in their abilities. I love to see them become independent learners.



# MATH



Left: **Jon Smith** listens to Mr. Brenneman present his math lesson. Bottom: Freshmen **Jared Valentine** and **Leah Trammel** work together on their math assignment.



**RCHS** has an outstanding group of math teachers. Mr. Brenneman joined this elite group of instructors this year. For those needing a little extra assistance, Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Henady offer help before and after school. The classes here will teach us what we need to know for our careers later in life and help us achieve better scores on state standardized tests. With teacher encouragement and use of real life examples, math students will go to infinity and beyond in life.





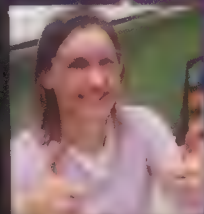
From a student's perspective, what is the most difficult part of science?

Anna Hernandez: "I think it's the math."



What is your favorite part of science?

Jocelyn Johns: "I like the experiments and the labs."



What is a science career that you know of?

Jeffery LaHue: "I know about a scientist who works on the moon and takes care of the moon's atmosphere."



- 1) Jeffery LaHue asks Mr. Dobson to help him with his difficult earth space worksheet.
- 2) Terry McCallister shades in his volcanic Ring of Fire map.
- 3) Senior Jocelyn Johns cleans her equipment after her college chem lab.

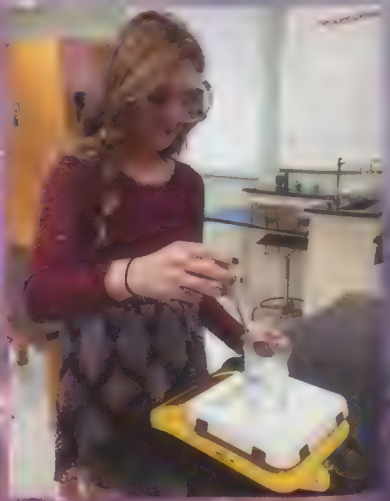


# SCIENCE

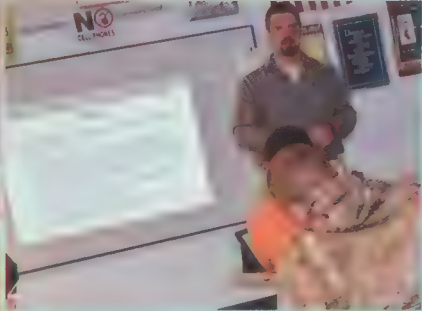
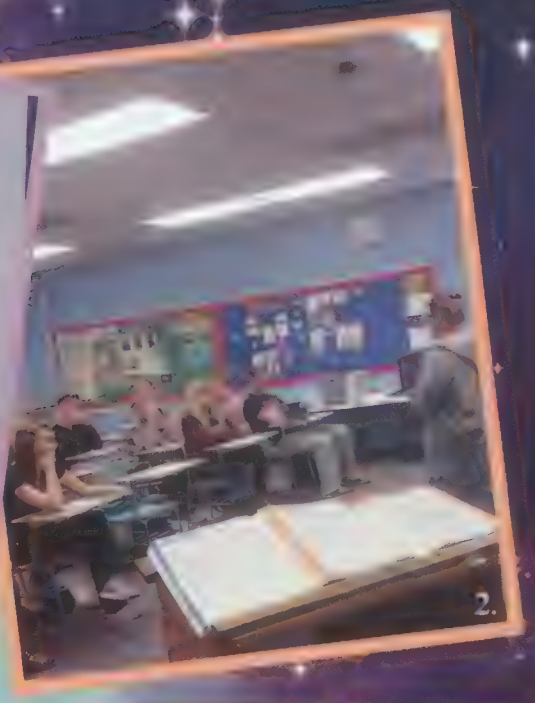
RCHS has a strong science department with teachers who all put a fun twist on teaching each school year. Each teacher has numerous labs planned throughout the year, one even includes making fresh, homemade ice cream. These teachers assure their students are ready for prospective careers related-to science. Science also prepares students to analyze and problem solve which can help them in their future.

Bottom: Pedro Hernandez, Sam Mihalich, and Jared Shanley cut out their 3-D volcano.

Right: Senior Paige Morris tests the temperature of the water for her lab.







1) **Mr. Hawthorne** gives his class special directions.  
 2) **Mr. Marlow's** economics class learns about job interviews and resumes from the Junior Achievement presenter.  
 3) **Grant Myers** intently focuses on Mr. Hawthorne's lecture.  
 4) **Mr. Shupryt** goes over the World History Daily Review.

*Myers would go on to know, which business would pay this money?*

**GRANT MYERS** - An old business lesson, International Business, and money.

*How can you remember a presentation?*

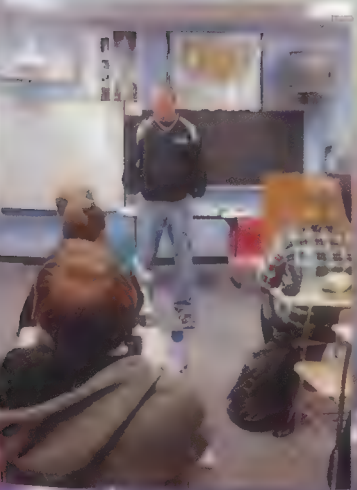
**MR. MARLOW** - A good presentation about the business of the world.

*What is your favorite thing about your world history class?*

**MR. SHUPRYT** - World history is interesting, and it's a good class.



# HISTORY



**Mr. Marlow** gives his government class about the Westboro case.

Bottom: **Tommy Gutwein** waits to ask Mr. Hawthorne a question.

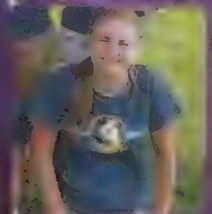


At **RCHS**, the history teachers try their best to make their classes interesting. History classes include debates, presentations, and projects. World history covers different wars, while U.S. history focuses on the American Revolution. Economics teaches students financial responsibility and about the consumptions of goods and services. Government focuses on how the American Government works. These classes are sure to benefit students as they enter the adult world and become productive citizens.





What has been your favorite part of being in band this year and why?



Anthony: I like being able to make my own decisions, and being able to walk around campus, like, anything, doing what I want.



What is missing what do you really love about band?

Maddy: I love it. The fact that we're competing and that the first quarter we play during our own band camp.

What influenced you to join band this year?

Ryan: I think I was influenced by the summer before with grade. I've loved playing and hanging out with the band ever since.



1) The Bomber Brigade competes at the Indiana Band State finals. 2) The Bomber Brigade enters the field to play an out of this world performance. 3) The marching band performs in the Little Cousin Jasper parade. 4) Dante Danner wows the crowd with his amazing performance piece.



# BAND

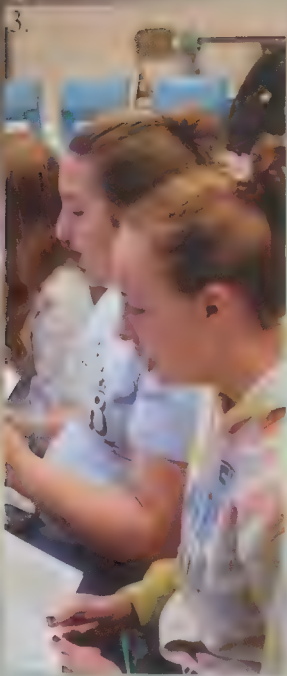
This year, the Bomber Brigade had an unforgettable season. They went all the way to the Indiana Band State finals where they placed sixth out of 14 schools overall. In the classroom, they learn etiquette and skills to improve their music. The Bomber Brigade raised the bar this year in their performances and is seeking an even better season next year. Their countless performances and hours spent practicing certainly paid off for the students.

Bottom: The marching band represents Rensselaer at the Labor Day parade in Earl Park

Right: The state qualifying band preforms at Regionals.







## CHOIR



Bottom: Treble choir performs with a quirky dance routine they choreographed themselves.



There is a wide range of choir classes available to the students of RCHS who like to sing. They include mixed choir, treble choir, and show choir. Choir is a class where students can express themselves. Choir students have several concerts throughout the year where anyone can come and enjoy their hard work. Mrs. Davisson, the experienced instructor, teaches students everything they need to know about pitch and rhythm for success in the class and maybe even a future career in singing. There are so many occupations that involve singing or utilize the skills learned in choir.





What has your teacher said?

Cody Helton: "He says I really like working on all the parts of my engine and I love that it's a real job."



Will this class help you get your future goals?

Mr. Brown: "Yes, I plan to be a mechanic."



What is the most difficult thing that you have worked on in this class yet?

Matthew Coffey: "We had to put a motor in the car and it was a real challenge."



1) **Cody Helton** works hard to complete his worksheet on repairing engines. 2) **Mr. Brown** shows students how to use a socket correctly. 3) **Matthew Coffey** and **Collyn Linback** work on the engine blue prints in order to start their upcoming project. 4) **Dante Diener** checks the axle of a car during class.

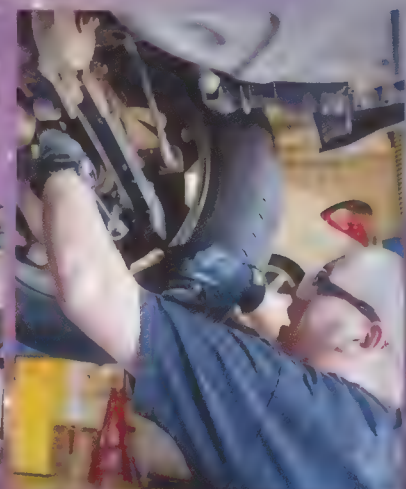


# AUTO

Auto class is an excellent way for students planning on entering the automotive industry to get hands-on training. They work on a variety of projects throughout the year. In the class, students also learn a large amount of information on how engines work. Auto class prepares students for real world experiences and the careers they want to pursue. Mr. Brown moves students away from the traditional classroom setting and lets them learn through projects. Some areas covered include fixing engines, changing brakes, and basic car maintenance.

Bottom: Auto'll students research a wire diagram on their iPads,

Right: **Jesse Lichte** tightens a bolt on a frame.







**Final Structure**

1. Foundation  
2. Framing  
3. Roofing  
4. Siding  
5. Windows  
6. Doors  
7. Interior  
8. Exterior  
9. Landscaping  
10. Final Inspection

**How do you plan on using what you've learned?**

**Learning to work with wood and tools.**

**What is the most valuable skill you've learned?**

**Teamwork and communication.**

**What is the most important part of the process?**

**Planning and organization.**



# BUILDING TRADES



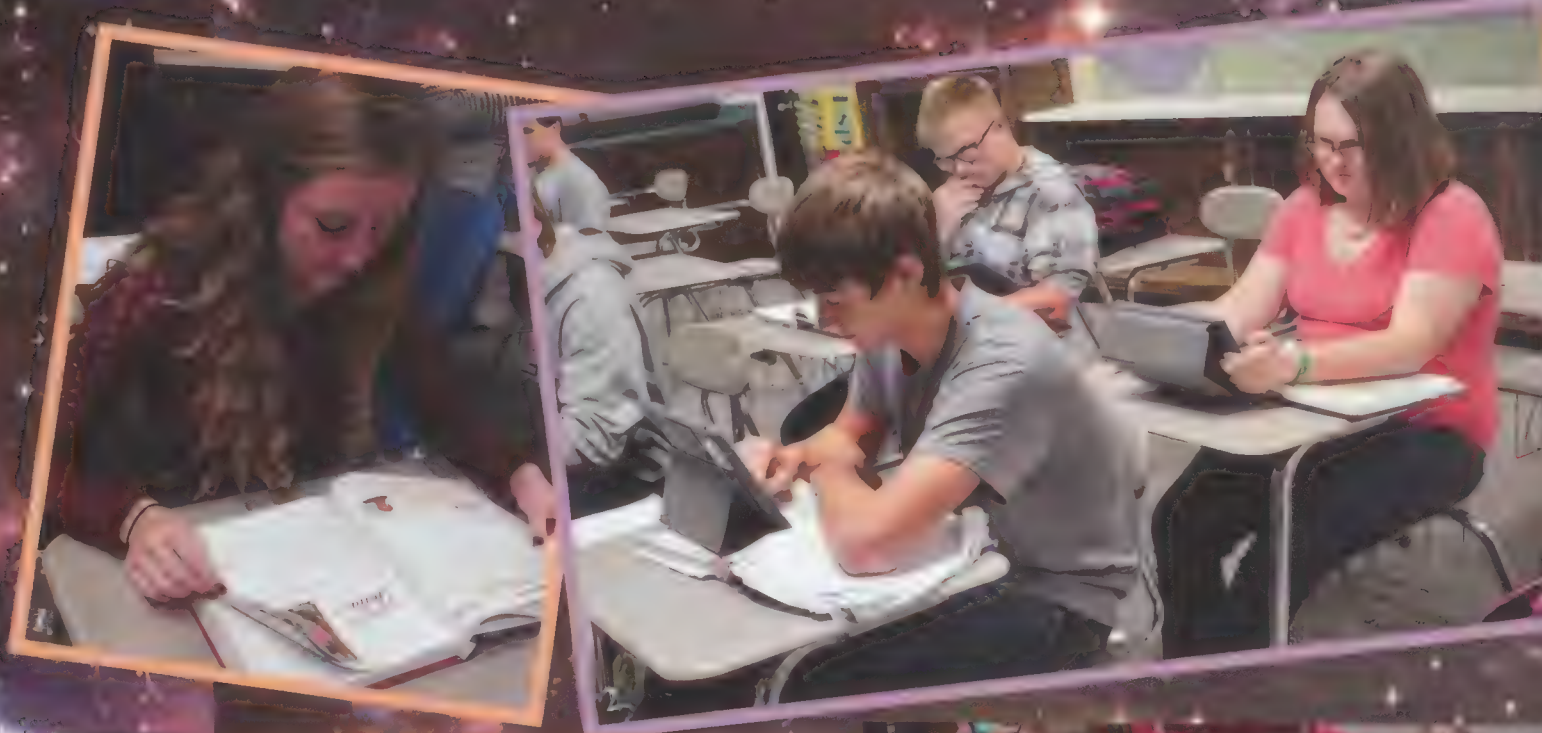
**Left: Jacob, Emanuel and Gabby**  
Working on the roof.

**Bottom: The building trades house at the end of the year.**



**B**uilding Trades is a hands-on class where students take two periods out of the school day to go off campus to a building site where they will spend the remainder of the year. During this time, they will not only learn how to use a variety of tools, but they will also learn how to construct a nice house in a safe environment. Building trades is taught by Mr. Goad, who is a trained carpenter. Most of the students who take this class have an interest in going into a carpentry profession or just enjoy the hobby. At the end of the school year, the house will be completed and will be put up for sale.





What are you looking forward to most during 2016-2017?

**Marissa Chapman** - "I'm looking forward to expanding my knowledge and learn more about the culture."



What influenced you to take Spanish in 2015?

**William Cook** - "I actually looked into it, wanting and understanding a lot of things. I was interested in how it was about the culture."



What is your favorite memory from Spanish class?

**Emilia Jones** - "I loved when the teacher told us when our class celebrated the Day of the Teacher."



1) **Paige Morris** studies diligently the day before a big unit test in Spanish IV.

2) Spanish I students work on one of their presentations during class.

3) **Sophomore Emily Anderson** has fun making a paper picado in Spanish II. **Jarrett Allen** gets help before a vocabulary test in class.

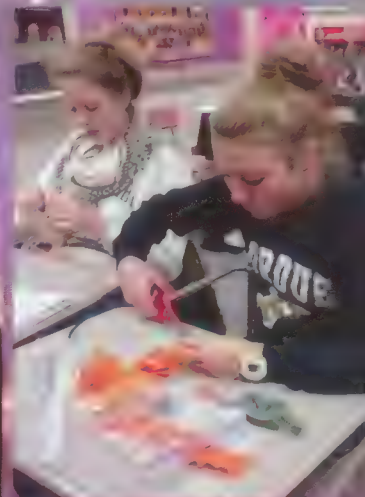


# SPANISH

This year in Spanish, students have enjoyed learning about the Spanish culture along with the language. At RCHS, it is a privilege to take a foreign language. When students start to learn more, they unlock the knowledge to communicate with the world. The four levels of classes teach about the Hispanic customs, traditions, and cultures as well as focusing on vocabulary, grammar, and conjugation. Spanish provides students with more opportunities in college and with their future careers. Spanish is also a requirement for an Academic Honors diploma.

Bottom: Students get instructions from **Señora Benner** while they work on a Spanish project.

Right: **Leealison Korniak** and **Alice Garbusinski** start an activity during class.







1) Mrs. Spurgeon helps guide Sarah Brough through the layout of her stamp.  
 2) Exchange student Alice Garbusinski slowly puts her pieces on her Picasso project.  
 3) Megan Floyd works on her independent project after she finishes her Picasso portrait.  
 4) Senior Carly Meyers works on her mural.

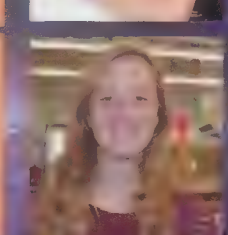
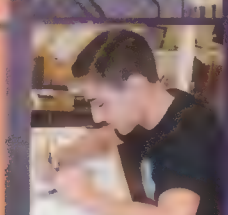
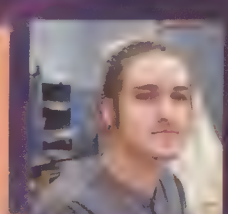
Yours personal, meaningful, and why  
 I don't consider it a good thing because it's really messy and I'm not sure if it's work."

What interests you the most about art?

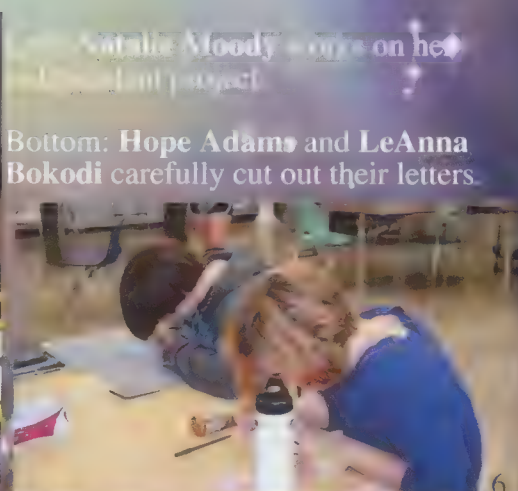
My favorite is "Learning how to draw and how to use art."

How will art benefit you in your future?

For me, I will use it to make something that I will be proud to have made."



# ART



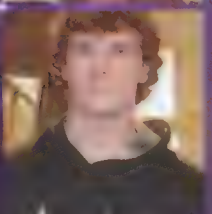
Natalie Moody - work on her project.  
 Bottom: Hope Adams and LeAnna Bokodi carefully cut out their letters.

Art is a class where students can express themselves through studying and creating art. Mrs. Spurgeon makes her classes entertaining with her outgoing personality and does a great job at helping and instructing students on their projects. Students delve into historical movements and various artists. There is also the opportunity of entering several art shows throughout the year. Students take art because they plan on pursuing an art based career or they enjoy making artwork in their free time. Students manipulate various mediums to create unique and aesthetically pleasing pieces.





What is your favorite part about being a yearbook staff member?  
 Meredith Lucero: "It gives me the chance to be a part of the school's history and to help others."



Why did you choose to be a yearbook staff member?  
 Luke Mattocks: "To gain a better understanding of the school's history and to help others."



What are some things you have learned about yearbook staff members?  
 Christina Ziese: "I will never be a yearbook staff member again."



1) The Chaos was awarded the National Yearbook Program of Excellence for the 2014-2015 school year. 2) The yearbook staff celebrates their hard work during the first semester at their annual holiday party. 3) Luke Mattocks works on writing his article for the paper. 4) Meredith Lucero won the drawing at the yearbook Fall Conference.

# CHAOS

The Chaos staff consists of a great variety of students with different hobbies and interests who all come together to create the yearbook and The 'RCHS' monthly newspaper. The yearbook adviser, Mrs. Schneider, teaches her students about photography, effective journalism, and how to cooperate with one another. Dual Editors Christina Ziese and Sophia Michel lead the class and help create a student centered yearbook and newspaper articles. While working on the yearbook, the students become close friends and learn how to run a business.

Bottom: Some yearbook staff members at a breakout session on the class field trip.

Right: Ashden Ohanis takes pictures of a Spanish class for his yearbook page.







1) Mrs. Mattocks and her students after the mock disaster  
 2) Senior **Sonny Anderson** plays BINGO with residents.  
 3) **Garrett Eldridge** sets up the activity board at the care center.  
 4) **Madeline Barber** and **Kaylie Hammersley** are brought to the hospital by EMTs.

**What career is most interesting to you?**  
*Katie Long: "I want to be a nurse and therapist, but now I want to be a pharmacist."*

**What was your favorite part of the class?**  
*Madeline Barber: "Getting the medical objects and seeing how it worked."*

**How is medical terminology taught to you?**  
*Garrett Eldridge: "Medical terminology helped me prepare for my career in the health care field."*



# HEALTH CAREERS

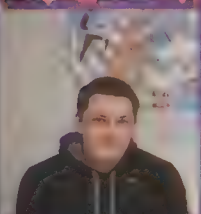


Left: Junior **Emily Britt** draws with a resident at the care center.  
 Bottom: Senior **Megan Floyd** prepares a cake with one of the residents.



**H**ealth Careers is a medical class where students who are interested in going into the medical field can experience hands-on training. Students have a semester in the classroom to learn about HIPPA, ethics, casting, and other relevant medical information. During the second semester, students go to the hospital and care center to practice taking blood pressure, temperature, and working with patients. The class teaches students better social skills and bedside manner. Mrs. Mattocks also teaches Medical Terminology and Anatomy and Physiology for students planning on pursuing careers in the health field.

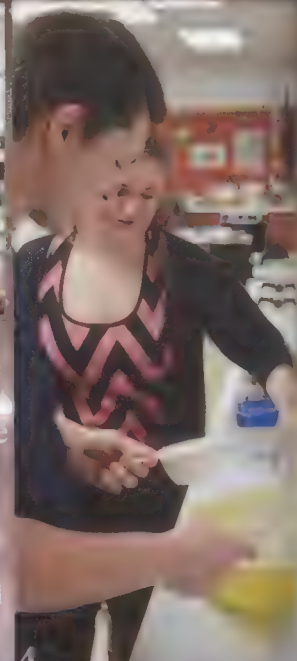




What did you favorite food to make?  
 Carson Trice: "I think I enjoyed making my smoothie."

What is the most important thing you have learned?  
 Brandon Harvey: "The variety of protein and fat."

Why did you decide to take this class?  
 Austin Martinez: "I took this class because I like to eat food."



1) **Madison Culbreth** carefully designs her flowers for her cake decorations. 2) **Carson Trice** and **Stormy Randolph** combine their dry ingredients together while stirring in water. 3) **Destiny Randolph** adjusts her icing bag to frost her cake. 4) Senior **Brandon Harvey** and Junior **PAGE Austin** work together to finish the mixture.

# NUTRITION & WELLNESS

Stir yourself up a pot of knowledge, because in the nutrition and wellness class, students learn all about how to prepare a variety of foods, how to figure out their nutritional value, and basic skills needed in a kitchen. Nutrition and wellness is a hands on class taught by Ms. Davis. Students learn valuable knowledge they will use the rest of their adult lives. From cooking the food to knowing how to properly clean up, students are prepared for everything in the kitchen. Best of all, after they prepare their meal, they get to sit back and enjoy the food they have just made.

Bottom: Ms. Davis helps a group of students on their cake.

Right: Austin Martinez washes a pan after his group finished cooking.







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What is your favorite thing to do in class?  
 Jennifer Kromer - My favorite thing to do in class is to teach!

What has been your favorite thing to do in class?  
 Adrian Voeller - Working with my friends on a project.

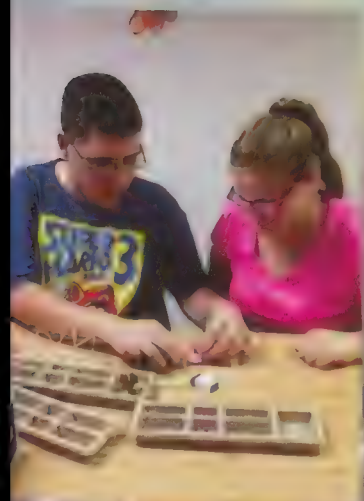
What do you hope to do after high school?  
 Jennifer Kromer - I hope to go to college and become a teacher.



# LIFE SKILLS

Left: Robert Berg and Caitlin Snyder working in the library

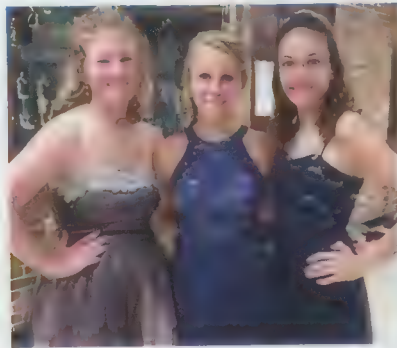
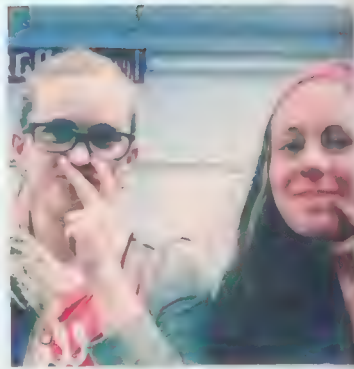
Bottom: Adrian Voeller preps a table for painting during Auto class.



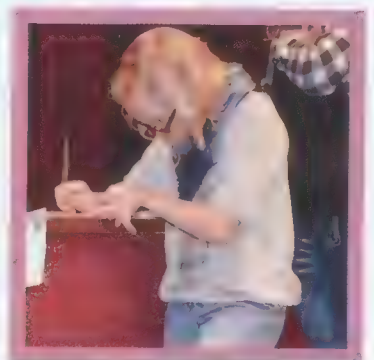
Mrs. Kurdelak teaches the Life Skills class along with the help of several instructional aides. This class includes students of all grades and ability levels who are sure to put a smile on the faces of those around them. Life Skills class focuses on advancing knowledge while preparing students for life after high school. The class has a mini kitchen and washer and dryer. This creates real opportunities for students to learn the basics of cooking, cleaning dishes, washing and drying clothes, and other tasks necessary for these students throughout their lives.



# Freshmen





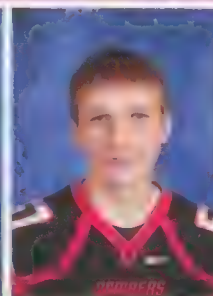




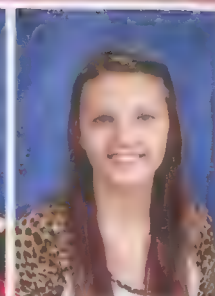
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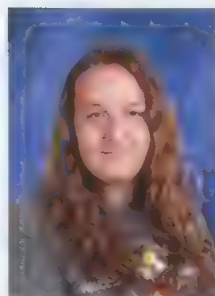
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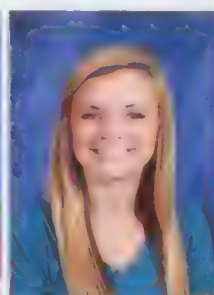
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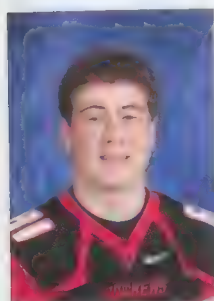
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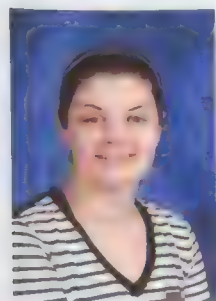
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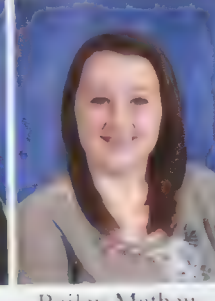
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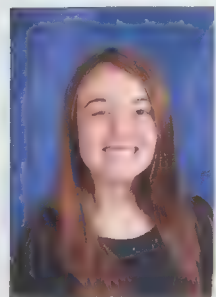
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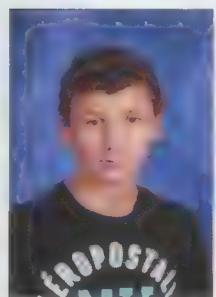
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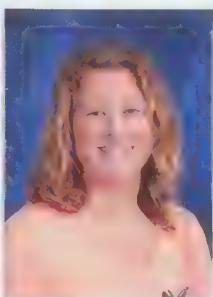
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Daniel Vansach



Gracie VanWienen



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Damien Velez



Roman Villegas



Cory Walker



Cody Walter



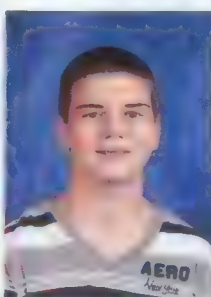
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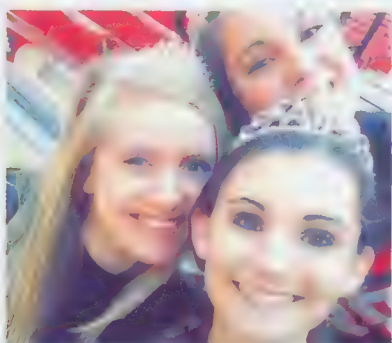
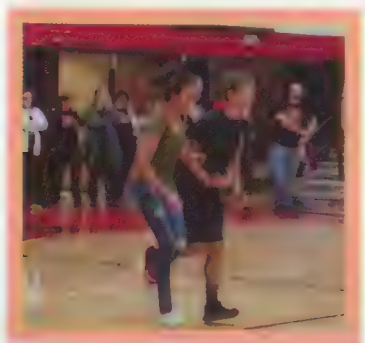
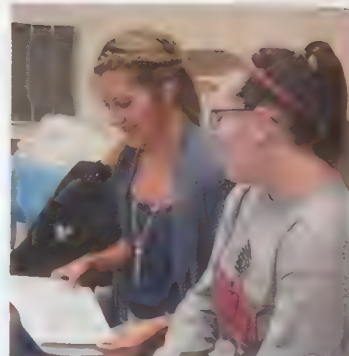


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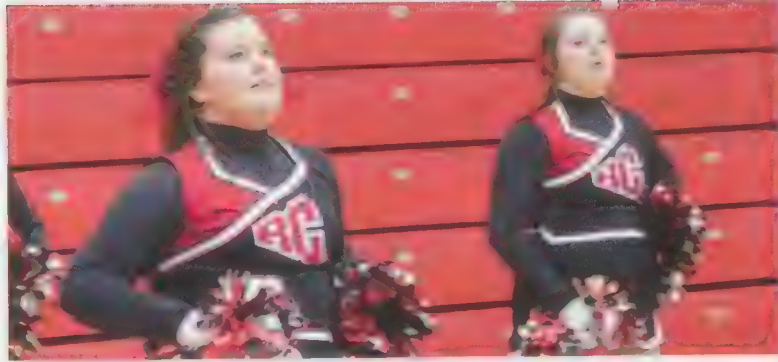
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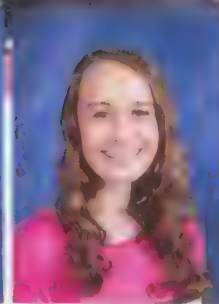




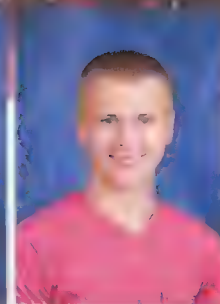
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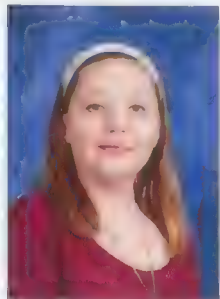
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Ashley Blystone



Caitlyn Bokodi



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Kerry Branson



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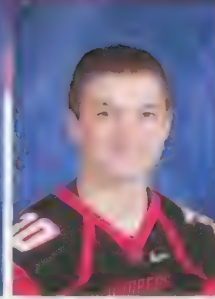
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Haley Cox



Bryce Crews



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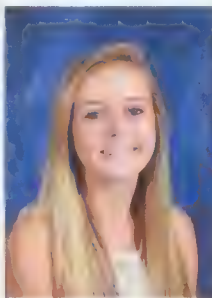
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Corey Erb



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Mackenzie Flanigan



Morgan Fleming



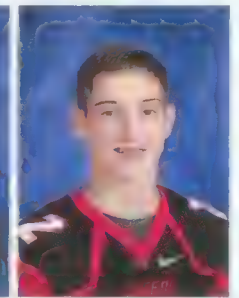
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Mark Garrity



Faith Gastineau



Jaylen Gilbert



Kelsey Gilbert



Anthony Glancy



Breanna Gunter



Chassidy Hall



Hannah Hall



Morgan Hammond



Katelyn Hanford



Tyler Hannon



Maggie Hardin



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Josie Hitchings



Taryn Johns



Parker Jordan





Benjamin Korniak



Abigail Kozyra



Sarah Leonard



Melaina Lockard



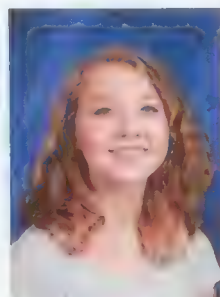
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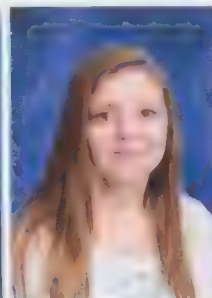
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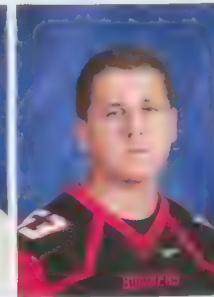
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Martin Murillo



Kathryn Myers



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Sarah Powers



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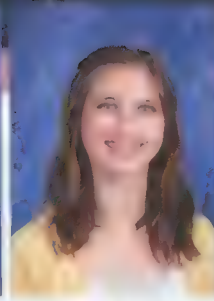
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Hannah Ritchie



Mayra Rodriguez



Jenna Rule



Joseph Rule



Jalynn Rush



Tomas Saavedra



Brice Sargent



Brett Sheffer



Jonathan Shireley



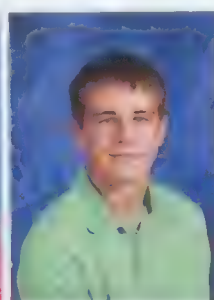
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Allie Sroczynski



Jeremiah Staddon



Colin Stanley



Lily Steinke



Sara Steinke



Alexandria Stevens



Alexandria Stoker



Kane Stokes



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Preston Tanner



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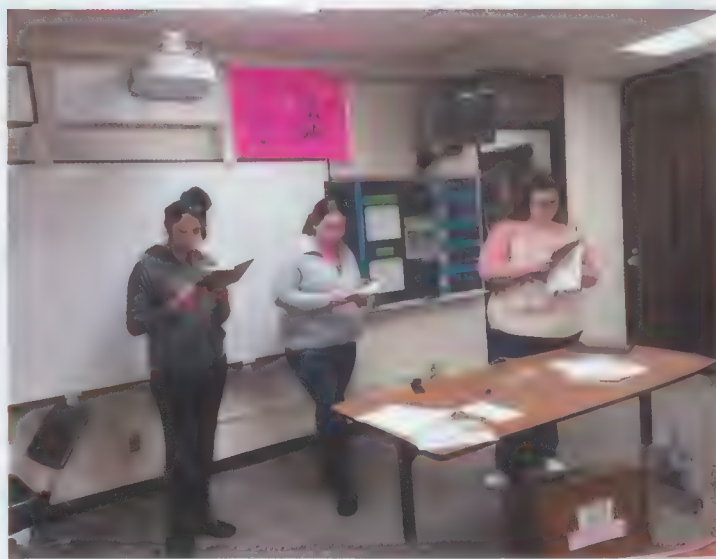
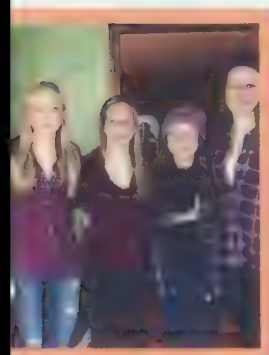


Shayana Zulaski

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Devanne Roth



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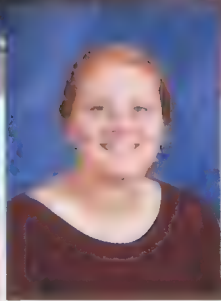




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Brianna Angel



Courtney Arndt



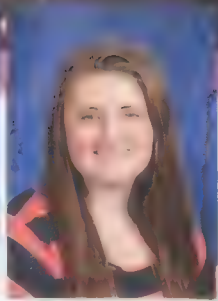
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Emily Barber



Anna Barradas



Libby Barton



Austin Becker



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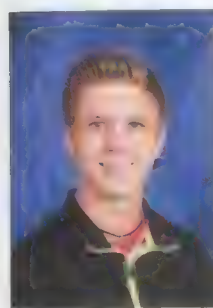
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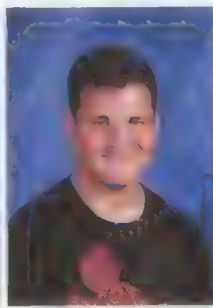
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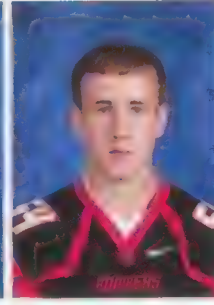
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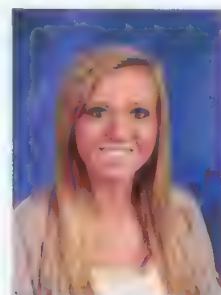
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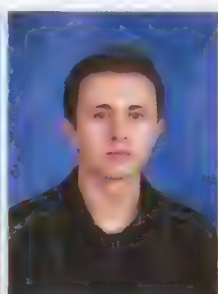
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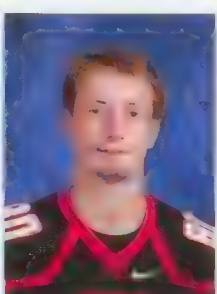
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Chloe Rayburn





Ryan Ricci



Hannah Ritter



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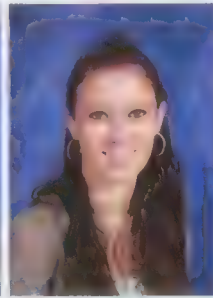
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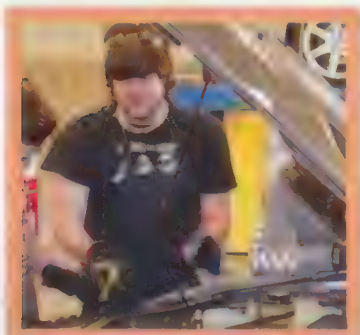
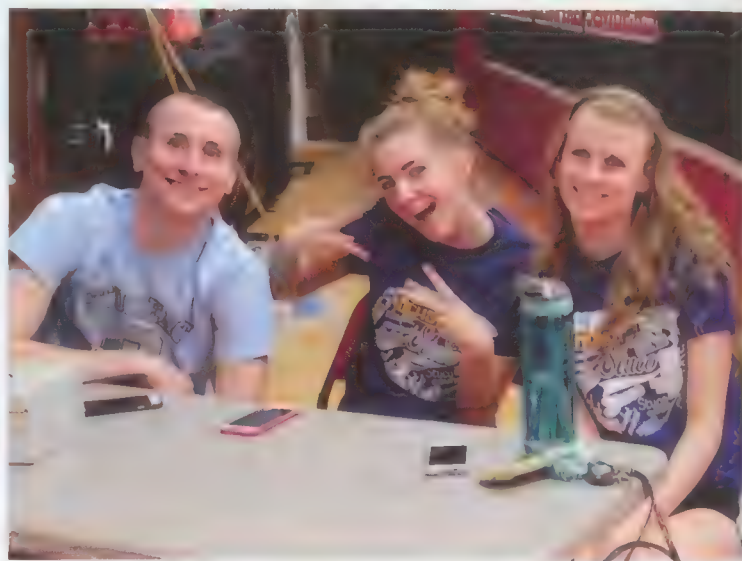
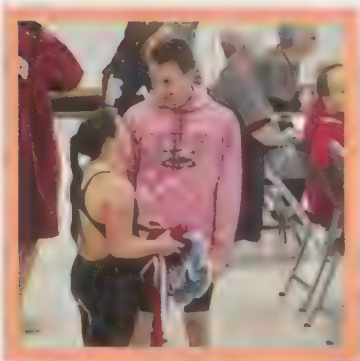
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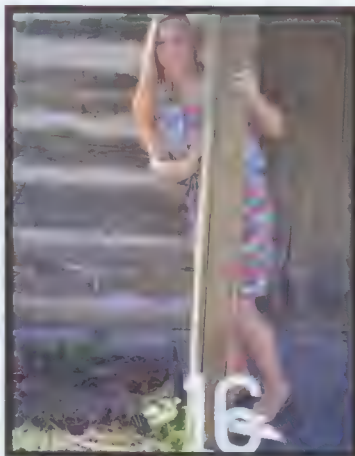


# SENIORS

## ANGEL ADCOCK

I plan to attend Indiana University Northwest in Gary, Indiana to study Radiology.

"I'm also sorry for party rockin'."



## SAMUEL AHLER

I plan on attending Purdue to get an Agbusiness degree. I want to move out west and work with cattle.

"I'm not here for a long time, I'm here for a good time."

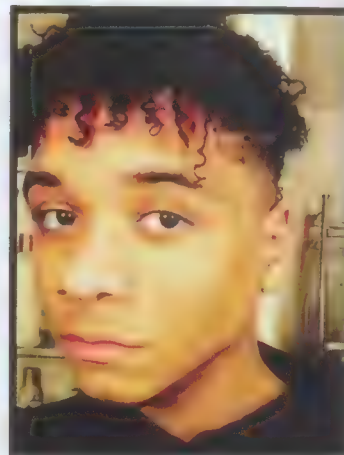


## STEPHEN ALLEN

I plan on attending USI to get a degree in History and minor in German. I want to be a high school history teacher and hopefully move to Berlin to teach.

"Every journey begins with a single 8 to 5 step."

## ALEX ANDERSON



## AUSTIN ANDERSON



## SONNY ANDERSON

I plan on attending Ivy Tech to get a degree in nursing and getting out of Renssy.

"Keep your hopes up high and your head down low."



## BEAU BALCH

I plan on attending a four year college to get a degree. Then, I plan to start my career and have a family.

"To give anything less than your best, is to sacrifice the gift."  
- Pre

## MADELINE BARBER

I plan to attend the University of Indianapolis to study Exercise Science and pursue a career as a Physical Therapist.

"Don't forget where you came from, but never lose sight of where you are going."





# CLASS OF 2016

**MARGARET BARHER**



**LEANNA BOHODI**



"When people realize how lonely it is being on their own, they will become kind."  
- Mirajane Strauss



**SARAH BROUGH**

**CHEYENNE CARR**

I plan on getting my degree in Geology/Environmental Studies at UTK and work in a laboratory.

"No, I'm not Amish."

"Just sitting here on the corner of Awesome and Bombdigity."



**SAMUEL CHAPMAN**



**JOSHUA CHASTAIN**



**ALEHIS CLAPP**

**MONICA CLEMENTE**

I plan on attending college and starting my new career in the health field. I will then get married and start my little family.

I plan to attend the University of Saint Francis and study physical therapy and have beautiful babies.

"And though she be but little, she is fierce." - Shakespeare

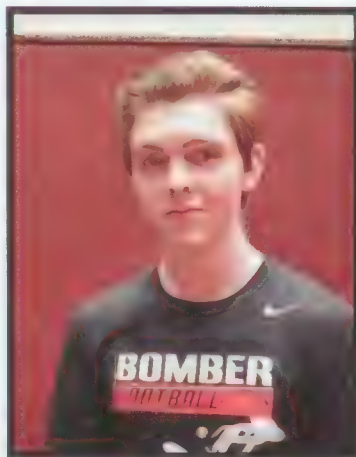




# SENIORS

## KYLE CLEVENGER

I plan on furthering my education in welding and moving to Florida.



## LEAH COLEY

I plan on attending IUPUI to get a degree in neuroscience. After, I plan on attending medical school. After school, I want to open my medical practice.

"I forgot my quote in Cancun."

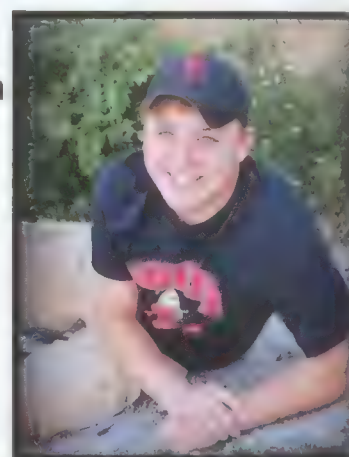


## JADE COUNTRYMAN ZACH COUNTRYMAN

I plan to go to Ivy Tech and eventually work my way into my Stock Broker License.

I plan on going to Vincennes University for two years, then transferring to Purdue for a degree in agribusiness.

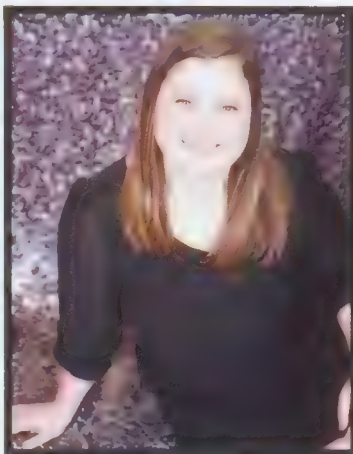
"The world needs more people holding deer in pictures and less people holding cameras in front of bathroom mirrors."



## ALLIE COH

I plan on attending IU Bloomington to get a degree in physical therapy with minors in business and journalism. After college, I want to open my own clinic.

"You may not always end up where you thought you were going." - Jessica Taylor



## RONALD COH

## TWYLA DANIELS

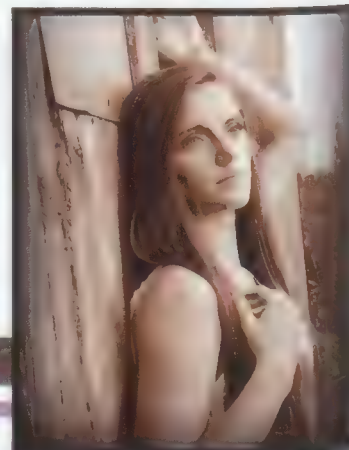
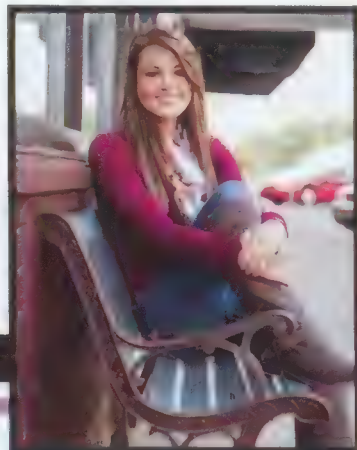
I want to work with children in any way I can.

"You can't have a rainbow without a little rain."

## BAILEY DAVIS

I plan on going to Ivy Tech for Early Childhood Education. Then, marry my high school sweetheart and have a beautiful family.

"What if one day you woke up and you were a chicken nugget?"





# CLASS OF 2016

## AVA DAVISSON

I plan on attending Purdue University with an undecided major. After I graduate, I plan to become successful and have a beautiful family.

"Be a true heart not a follower." - Ed Sheeran



## DYLAN DEVAULT

I plan on attending Ivy Tech and getting a degree in construction management.

"Was just released from his four year sentence."

## DANTE DIENER

I plan to attend Ivy Tech to get a Bachelors degree in Energy Technology.

"The oldest and strongest emotion of mankind is fear, and the oldest and strongest kind of fear is the unknown."  
- H.P. Lovecraft

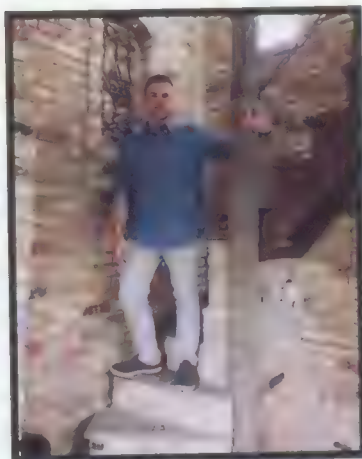
## MOLLY DOLAN

I plan on attending BSU to get a degree in Biochemistry. I would like to move to a city and research treatments for diseases.

"'Why did you do all this for me?', he asked. 'I don't deserve it. I've never done anything for you.' 'You have been my friend,' replied Charlotte. 'That in itself is a tremendous thing.'" E.B White, *Charlotte's Web*



## BRANDON DUNLAP



## SETH EDELMAN

## MICHAEL EFFINGER

I plan on going to Ivy Tech to study business.

"The difference between possible and impossible lies in a person."

## GARETT ELDRIDGE

I plan on attending UIndy with a Double major and becoming a chiropractor in holistic medicine. I then plan on opening my practice in Arizona.





# SENIORS

**BECCA EWEN**



**MEGAN FLOYD**



I plan to attend Ivy Tech Community College this fall and get a degree in nursing. I then plan to settle down and start a family with the one I love.

"Life is tough, my darling, but so are you."  
- Stephanie Bennett-Henry



**XAVIER FONTAINE AUNA GALLEGOS**

I will be attending the University of Southern Indiana and study pre-med with a minor in musical theatre.

I plan to attend Ivy Tech for two years and then transfer to Saint Elizabeth for nursing.

"Follow your passion, stay true to yourself, never follow someone else's path unless you're in the woods and you're lost and you see a path, then by all means you should follow that." - Ellen Degeneres

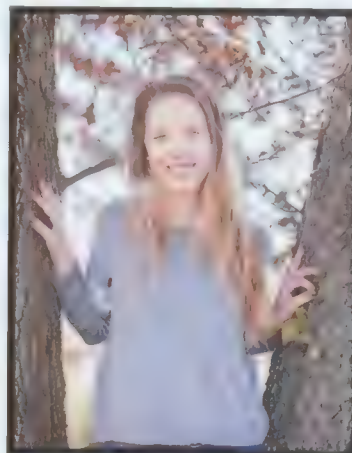
"Life's a journey not a race."



**TAYLOR GALT**

I plan to attend Ivy Tech Lafayette and become a veterinarian.

"I just came here to complain and screw everything up."



**ALICE GARBUSINSKI**

I want to study in the United States, but I think my parents are going to make me go back to Belgium. So I'm trying to find a new experience for next year, taking applications and money to finance my new project.

"Just remember if we get caught, you're deaf, and I don't speak any English."



**MADISON GEHRING URIA GERLACH**

I plan on attending IUPUI and majoring in dental hygiene. I hope to start my career right out of college, get married, and start a family. I hope to move to southern Florida and spend my time on the beach.

I plan on attending Purdue University and hopefully I'll figure out what I want to do for the rest of my life. After college, I want to marry someone who can handle my sass and wants to travel with me. I'll eventually start my life somewhere far from here.

"Period. The end." - Mrs. Mattocks

"Just remember if we get caught, you're deaf and I don't speak any English."  
#GIRL



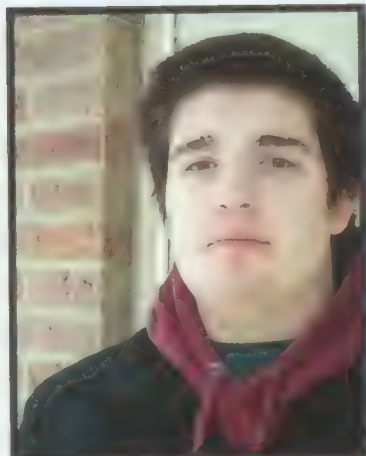


# CLASS OF 2016

**BEN GIORDANO**

Marry the woman of my dreams and have a great job and a happy life.

"I never lose. I either win or I learn."



**MEGAN GREEN**

I plan to keep growing our family livestock Hurd.

"I like my money where I can see it...in my show barn!"



**AUSTIN GRIST**

I will go to Ivy Tech and get a degree in Construction and Business Management, then eventually open a construction company.

"I told my mom I would make it."

**KAYLE HAMMERSLEY**

I plan on attending Ivy Tech, then transferring to Purdue University to get my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

"One day you'll laugh at how much you let this matter."  
- Morley



**BRANDON HARVEY**



**APRIL HENDON**



**BRYCE HICKMAN**

**CODY HELTON**

"You can catch flies with honey, but you can catch more honeys being fly."





# SENIORS

## RILEY HICKMAN

I plan on attending DePauw University and majoring in Kinesiology.



## NATHAN HILL



## JOCelyn JOHNS

I plan on attending Purdue University and receiving my bachelor's degree in nursing. I hope to begin my career, get married, and start a family.

"Commit to the Lord, whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." - Proverbs 16:3

## CAROL JONES

I plan to be a cosmetologist.

"You may never achieve in high school, but you can achieve life."



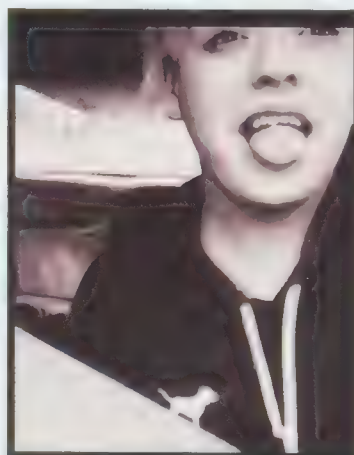
## LEE ALISON KORNI AH

I plan on attending Purdue University and majoring in Applied Health and Fitness. After graduating from Purdue, I will attend chiropractic school.

"Great things never come from comfort zones."

## SKYLEA KEMP

I plan on attending Paul Mitchell beauty school and opening my own salon.



## KAYTY KAYSHAH

I plan on going to Purdue in the fall, where I will be majoring in Pharmacy. After college, I want to move somewhere warm, where I'll settle down, get a job, and adopt lots of dogs.

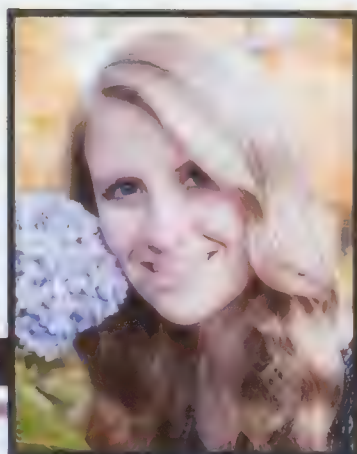
"It has been real, it has been cute, but it hasn't been real cute."



## CAYO LANE

I plan on graduating from Purdue University with a degree in Agribusiness Finance. I would like to get married someday and start a family.

"Now is the time for all of us to become the people we have always dreamed of being. This is your world. You're here. You matter. The world is waiting." - Haley James Scott #OG3





# CLASS OF 2016

## JILLIAN LUCERO

I plan on attending the University of Evansville and double majoring in theatre management and costume design. After I graduate, I plan on opening a theatre of my own.

"There are a lot of little reasons why the big things in our lives happen."



## LOGAN MALONE



## CLAY MARTIN

I plan on attending Indiana State and receiving a degree for Sports and Recreational Management. I would also like to move to a warm place with my family.

"I worked harder for this quote than I did in school, and this is all I could come up with. How did I graduate?"

## DAMION MARTIN

I plan on attending Butler for pharmacy and then move down south and work there and eventually settle down with a family.

"I never dreamed about success. I work for it."



## AMANDA MCCAY



## AARON MCGOWAN

After I graduate from Purdue, I plan to pursue a career in the field of mechanical engineering.

"I'm only here so I don't get fined."



## CARLY MEYERS

I plan on attending school in Cincinnati and getting my fine arts degree. Then I will work in a gallery and become an artist.

"Go ahead, underestimate me."

## LOGAN MCELFRISH

I plan on attending PU to receive a bachelor's degree in Interior Professional Design. I wish to move south to become an entrepreneur and have a beautiful family and home.

"Just did it." - Nike





# SENIORS

## SAMUEL MIHALICH

I plan on attending Valparaiso University pursuing law.

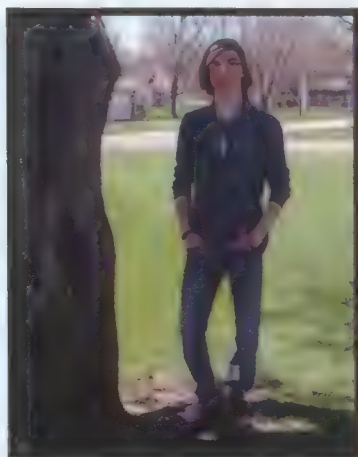
"But did you die?"  
- Leslie Chow



## DAVEN MIRANDA

I plan on attending Ivy Tech to get a degree in Construction Technology, so that I can be an electrician.

"Live life without borders."



## CALEB MOORE

I plan on attending Vincennes University to get a degree in architecture design. I want to live in Indiana and start a family.

"Was released from his 4 year sentence."

## QUENTIN MITCHELL AUSTIN MOORE

I plan to attend St. Joseph's College to get a degree in accounting.

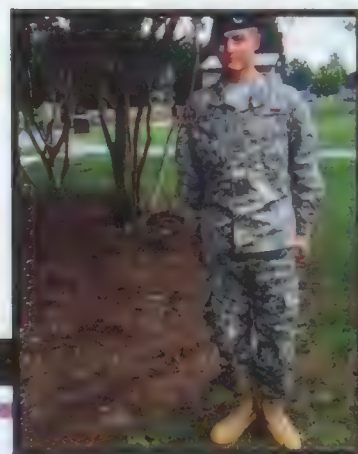
"The greatest victory is that which requires no battle."



## PAIGE MORRIS

I plan on attending Johnson and Wales to get a degree in baking and pastry management.

"Some journeys take us far from home. Some adventures lead us to our destiny."  
- C. S. Lewis



## ERIC MURRAY

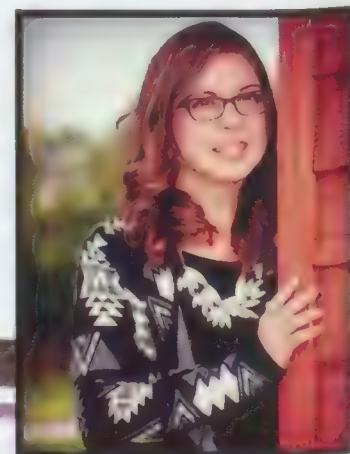
I plan on attending Vincennes University to get an associates degree in Conservation Law. I want to move to Tennessee and work as a Conservation Officer.

"The secret to success lies in the gap between dream and reality."  
- Bret Michaels

## HAITLAN NAGEL

I plan to go to Ivy Tech Community College and study Early Childhood Education and then find a job that I enjoy.

"A bend in the road is not the end of the road unless you fail to make the turn." - Helen Keller





# CLASS OF 2016

## KYLE NUGENT

I plan on attending Manchester University to play basketball, and although I am undecided as to what I want to major in, I plan to minor in business. After college, I plan to live in Fort Wayne, Indiana, marry the man of my dreams and eventually have 3 kids, 1 dog, 2 cats, and a mouse, but until then, I am going to travel the world.

"One of the greatest mental freedoms is truly not caring what anyone else thinks of you." - Unknown



## ASHDEN OHANIS

I plan on attending Ancilla College and studying Business Administration while playing on the golf team.

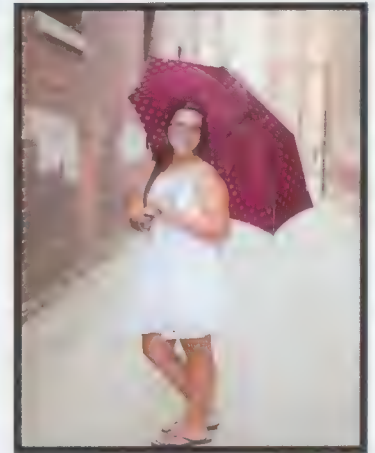
"Be happy with what you have, while working for what you want."

## JASON OSBORNE

## LAUREN POWELL

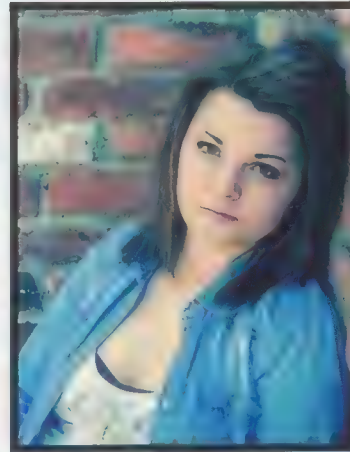
I plan on attending the University of Indianapolis to receive a bachelor's degree in nursing. After college, I want to find somewhere I can be a nurse and then also find a church where I can lead a youth group study.

"Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever."  
- Walt Disney



## JOSHUA PUREVICH

I plan on attending Purdue and getting a degree in Biomedical Engineering.



## DESTINY RANDOLPH

I plan on attending Ivy Tech and getting into the dental assistant program, and once I complete that and start my job, I want to go to school for cosmetology. I want to achieve all my goals, move somewhere warm, and start a family of my own and live the absolute best life I possibly can.

"It's funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back, everything is different."

## JIMMY ROBERTS

## GABRIEL RODRIGUEZ

To go to college and get a degree in solar engineering. I also want to build my dream house.

"There ain't no rest for the wicked." - Cage the Elephant





# SENIORS

## ADREANNA ROWLAND

I plan on attending Manchester University to receive a degree in Elementary Education.

"My mom signed me up for this."



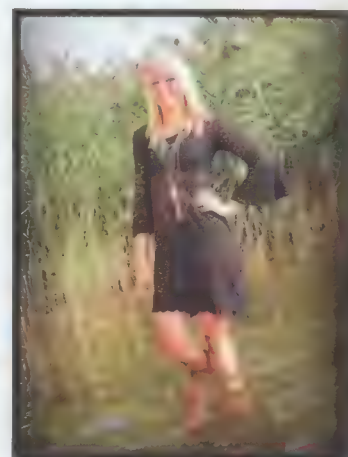
## MISSAEL RUIZ



## JOSE SAAVEDRA ASHTON SCHULTZ

I plan to attend Findlay University and major in equine business management. From there, open a boarding and training facility, get married, and have little cowgirl/cowboy babies.

"Life's about being scared to death but saddling up anyways"



## KELSEY SCHULZ



## MICHELLE SCHULZ



## DREW SELSOR

I plan on attending Purdue to get a degree in BCM and eventually open my own construction company.

"Stay open to all experiences life has to offer."

## SKYLER SHAMP

I plan on attending St. Joe to get a degree in Biology and Chemistry. I want to move to Oklahoma and open my own large animal private practice.

"The time in the ring goes by quickly; it's important to never give up when it gets difficult."





# CLASS OF 2016

## JARED SHANLEY

I plan on going to Purdue and study History Education. After I graduate I want to coach.



## JONATHAN SMITH

I plan to attend Ivy Tech to study respiratory therapy. I want to work in a hospital and continue research for Mitochondrial Disease.

"I love lamp." - Brick Tamland



## THOMAS SMITH

I plan on going to UNOH to become an auto and diesel mechanic.

"Live life in the fast lane."

## JORDYN SPANGLER

I plan on attending Trine University to play volleyball and get a degree in Criminal Justice. After college, I plan to move to a big city and travel the world.

"A little lipstick always helps."



## NICHOLE STATH

I plan on attending Knox Beauty college in the fall, then Ivy Tech for a business degree, then move somewhere warm and start a family.

"When life gets you down, do you wanna know what you've gotta do? Just keep swimming."



## TRENT STEINKE

I plan to attend BHE to get an Agricultural Business Management degree. Then I plan to come back to the area to farm.

"Once in your lifetime you will need a doctor, a lawyer, and a policeman, but three times a day you need a farmer."

## KEEGAN STEVENS

I plan on attending St. Joesph's College to receive a degree in exercise science or athletic training and play baseball. After that, I plan on moving somewhere warm because I'd rather not have to deal with this weather.

"I will not be impressed with technology until I can download food."

## DYLAN STONE





# SENIORS

## TRENT STONE

Attending Vincennes University. I plan on getting my bachelor's degree there and going into law enforcement.

"You only live once. Make the best of it."



## STEVEN STRUBLE

Going to Lincoln Tech and after that going to southern states and opening my own shop.

"Let's work for your diploma."

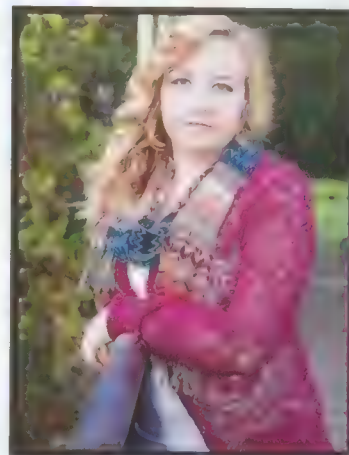


## ROY THOMPSON

## HANNAH TRAVIS

I want to go to Tech School and become a Vet Tech. I want to get married and have children and live life with my family.

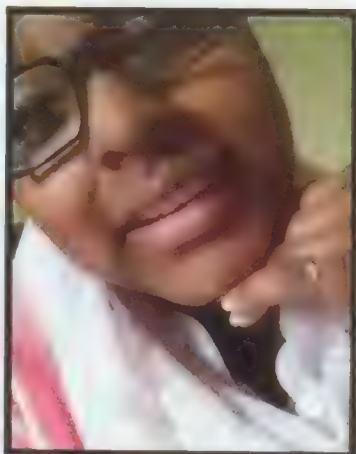
"You is kind. You is smart. You is important."



## CARSON TRICE

I plan on attending Ivy Tech to earn a degree in Veterinary Medicine.

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."



## SUZANNE TRYON

I plan on earning a degree in Hospitality Management at Ivy Tech and eventually opening a small diner and drive in.

"Spend a little more time trying to make something of yourself and a little less time trying to impress people."

- The Breakfast Club



## PIERCE VANHOUTEN HANNAH VANWIENEN

I plan on playing soccer for Wabash College. My major is undecided, but I will eventually go to med school at IU to become a Pediatric Physician. I plan to retire before age 50 and live the good life.

"Be humble or be humbled."

I plan on attending Purdue University.

"You may not always end up where you thought you were going, but you will always end up where you are meant to be."





# CLASS OF 2016

**JOEL WALKER**

I plan on attending Purdue University to major in Industrial Design. After college, I plan on moving out West.

"True knowledge exists in knowing that you know nothing." - Socrates



**TRISTON WALKER**



**LAYNE WALTER**

Raise cattle.

"No one ever got anywhere by holding their horses."

**AUSTIN WARRAN**

I am going to ISU to get a bachelor's degree in Nursing.

"Heck yeah, Dale!"



**SUELLA WARREN**

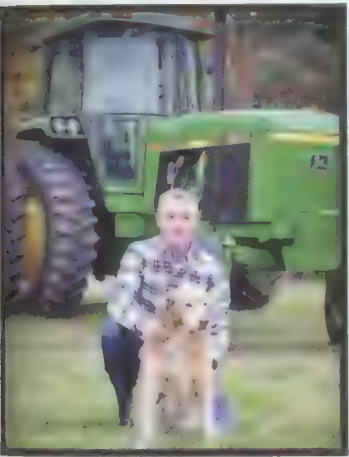


**SEAN WHALEY**

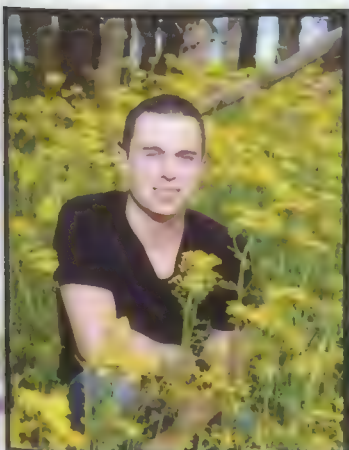
**BRADY WHITE**

I plan on attending Purdue University to get a degree in Business and Prelaw. I plan on one day becoming a lawyer or owning my own business.

"Forget following your dreams. follow me on Twitter @bradymwhite."



**BRADLEY WARRAN**





# SENIORS

**KOLTON WIDNER**



**Kaid Wood**

I plan on attending Vincennes University and getting my degree in Radiology.

"To succeed in life, you need three things: A wishbone, a backbone, and a funnybone."  
- Reba McEntire



**HUNTER WRIGHT**

Just wait for it... Biggie Bandz in neon lights.

"Windows tinted can't tell who's in it."

**Koby Wright**

I plan to attend Ball State University.

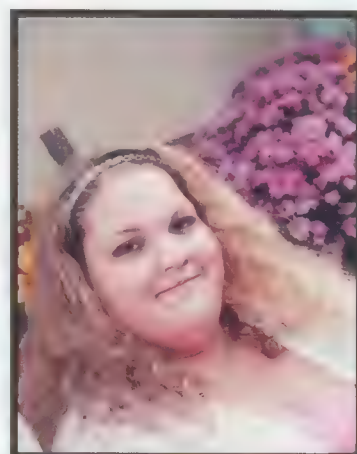
"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence."  
- Vince Lombardi



**MADYSON WRIGHT**

I plan to attend the University of Southern Indiana and major in dental hygiene. After college, I plan to start a family with someone who can put up with my attitude and afford my expensive taste.

"Hannah Montana said nobody's perfect, but here I am."  
#OG3



**CHLOE WYNKOOP**

I plan on attending Ivy Tech for 2 years and getting my associates degree. Then I plan on going to Ball State and earning my teaching degree.

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."  
- Dr. Suess



**JESSICA YBARRA**

I plan to attend the University of Evansville to pursue a degree in Music Therapy. I would love to move to Southern California to begin a new chapter of my life.

"The past can hurt. But the way I see it, you can either run from it or learn from it." - Rafiki

**JACK ZIESE**

I plan on attending Purdue University and studying Ag Business Management. After four years at Purdue, I plan on returning to Rensselaer and start farming. I plan on starting a family and having four boys.











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**MOST LIKELY TO BECOME A  
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**BEST PERSONALITY**

# SENIOR SUPERLATIVES



**BEST DRESSED**



**MOST SHY**



**BIGGEST FLIRT**



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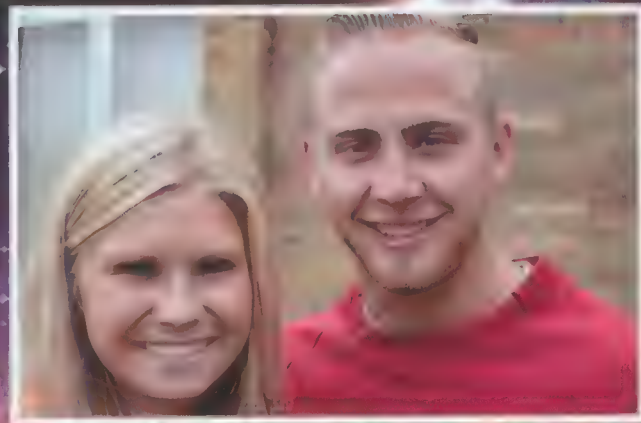
**MOST ATHLETIC**



**BEST SMILE**



**MOST LIKELY TO STAY IN  
RENSSELAER**



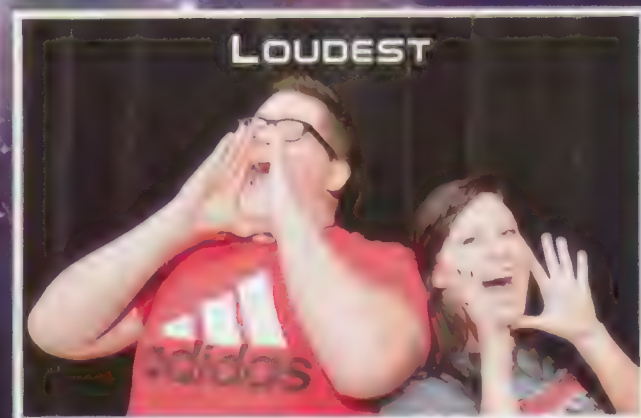
**BEST EYES**



**WORST CASE OF  
SENIORITY**



**TEACHER'S PET**



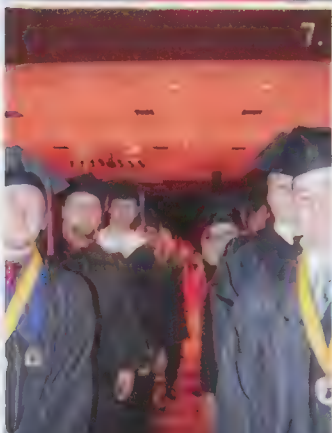
**LOUDEST**



1) Joel Walker delivers his Valedictorian speech. 2) Jillian Lucero receives her diploma. 3) Graduates celebrate outside of the gymnasium.



# GRADUATION



The Class of 2016 walked across the stage on Sunday, May 22, 2016 to receive their diplomas, the culmination of all of their hard work during the last four years. Class Valedictorian was Joel Walker, and Salutatorian was Kayty Kryshak. They both gave speeches along with Principal Jones, Superintendent Speicher, and Class President Leelalison Korniak. Students were given plenty of praise and advice. After all the names were called, tassels were turned, and graduates were announced, students gathered outside of the gym in celebration. They threw confetti and their caps and enjoyed the last time they would all be together as the RCHS Class of 2016.

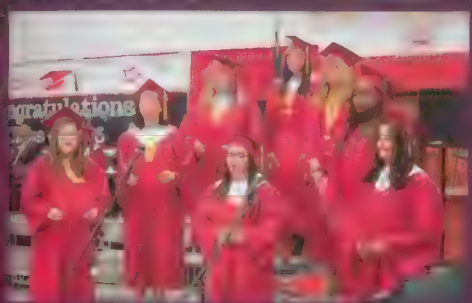




Salutatorian Kayty Kryshak wants her classmates to remember high school wasn't that bad after all.



Trent Stone, Caleb Moore, and Austin Warran prepare for commencement in the auditorium.

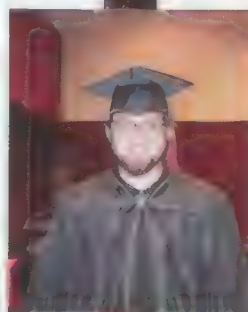


Senior members of the choir sing "Little Wonders."

# CLASS OF 2016



4) Twyla Daniels proudly leaves the stage with her diploma in hand. 5) Jon Smith shakes hands with Principal Jones after receiving his diploma. 6) The Class of 2016 stands during the national anthem at the start of the ceremony. 7) Seniors line up in the auditorium before walking into the gym. 8) A big smile from Bryce Hickman as he ends his high school career. 9) Mr. Jones addresses graduates and guests at the beginning of the graduation ceremony. 10) RCHS faculty and staff show their support by attending graduation. 11) Graduate Hunter Wright confidently returns to his seat after receiving his diploma. 12) Aaron McGowan stops the graduate procession to snap a quick selfie of himself and his fellow graduates on his last day at RCHS.



What is the most important thing you learned in high school?

Kolton Widner - "To never give up."



What will you miss most about high school?

Taylor Galt - "My dad paying for everything."



What advice would you give to underclassmen?

Clay Martin - "Enjoy your high school career and don't leave regretting anything."



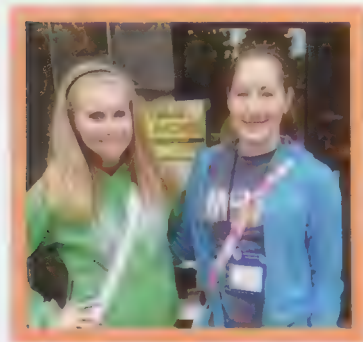
If you could change one thing about your high school career, what would it be?

Megan Green - "Work harder as a freshman."

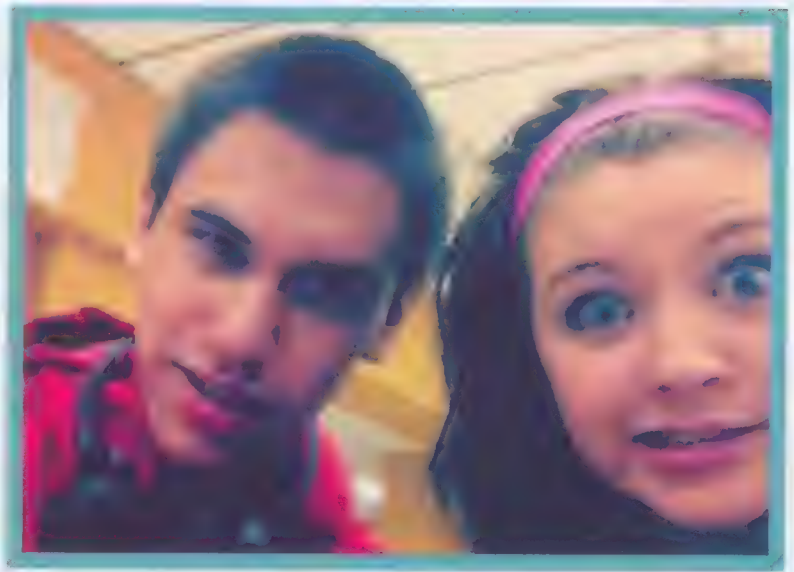




# YOUNGER YEARS









# COLLEGE PLANS

## **PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

Samuel Ahler  
Ava Davisson  
Uria Gerlach  
LeeAlison Korniak  
Kayty Kryshak  
Cayci Lane  
Logann McElfresh  
Aaron McGowan  
Joshua Purevich  
Drew Selsor  
Jared Shanley  
Hannah VanWienen  
Joel Walker  
Brady White  
Jack Ziese

## **IVY TECH**

Sonny Anderson  
Jade Countryman  
Bailey Davis  
Dylan DeVault  
Dante Diener  
Michael Effinger  
Megan Floyd  
Alina Gallegos  
Taylor Galt  
Austin Grist  
Kaylie Hammersley  
Kaitlan Nagel  
Destiny Randolph  
Jonathan Smith  
Carson Trice  
Chloe Wynkoop

## **INDIANA UNIVERSITY**

Allie Cox  
April Hendon

## **INDIANA UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST**

Angel Adcock

## **IUPUI**

Leah Coley  
Maddie Gehring

## **VINCENNES UNIVERSITY**

Zach Countryman  
Caleb Moore  
Eric Murray  
Trent Stone  
Kaci Wood

## **DEPAUW UNIVERSITY**

Riley Hickman

## **PAUL MITCHELL BEAUTY SCHOOL**

Skyler Kemp

## **INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Clay Martin  
Austin Warran

## **BUTLER UNIVERSITY**

Damion Martin

## **VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY**

Samuel Mihalich



# CLASS OF 2016

## UNIVERSITY OF

### INDIANAPOLIS

Madeline Barber  
Garett Eldridge  
Lauren Powell

## FINDLAY UNIVERSITY

Ashton Schultz

## UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE

Jillian Lucero  
Jessica Ybarra

## UNIVERSITY OF

### NORTHWESTERN OHIO

Thomas Smith

## TRINE UNIVERSITY

Jordyn Spangler

## KNOX BEAUTY COLLEGE

Nichole Stath

## BLACK HAWK EAST COLLEGE

Trent Steinke

## LINCOLN TECH

Steven Struble

## ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Austin Moore  
Skyler Shamp  
Keegan Stevens

## BALL STATE

Molly Dolan

## UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

### KNOXVILLE

Sarah Brough

## ANCILLA COLLEGE

Ashden Ohanis

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN

### INDIANA

Stephen Allen  
Xzavier Fontaine  
Madyson Wright

## MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

Kylie Nugent  
Adreanna Rowland

## WABASH COLLEGE

Pierce VanHouten

## JOHNSON AND WALES

Paige Morris





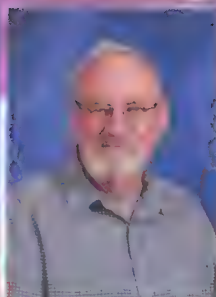
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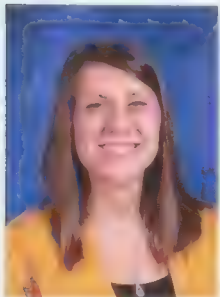
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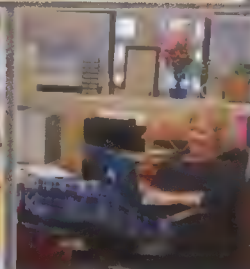
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Mr. Glotzbach



Mr. Goad



Mr. Gull



Mrs. Hagen



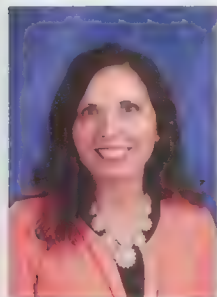
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Ms. Mattocks



Mr. McFarland



Mr. Meeks



Miss Mroczek



Mr. Nowlin



Mrs. Owsley



Mrs. Pack



Mr. Payo



Mrs. Schneider



Mrs. Schultz



Mr. Sell



Mr. Shupryt



Mrs. Spangler



Mrs. Spurgeon



Mr. Stevens



Mrs. Tanis



Ms. Terpstra



Mr. Wamsley



Ms. Wellmaker



Mr. Wright



# FALL SPORTS





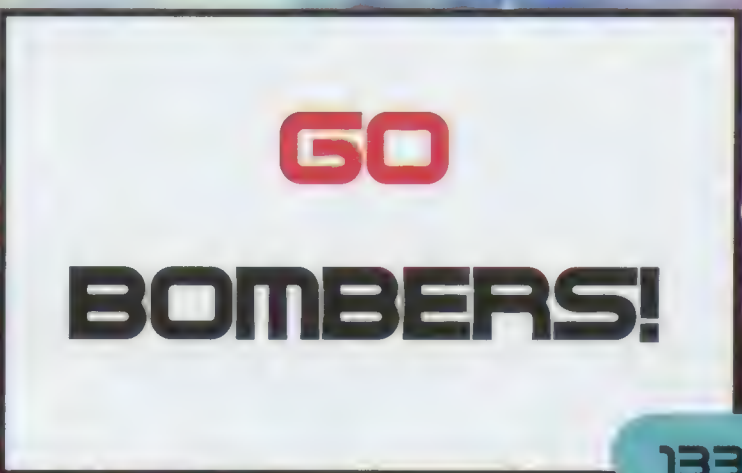




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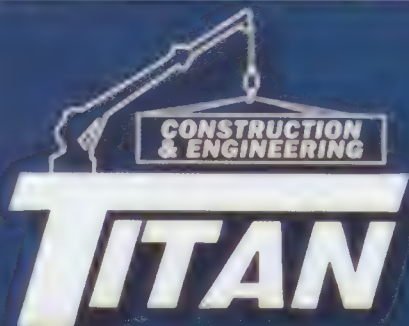
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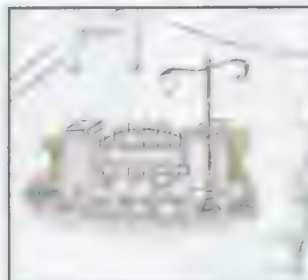
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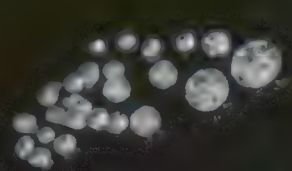
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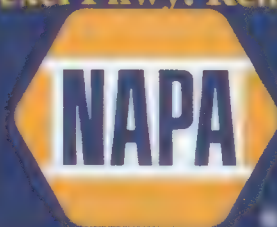


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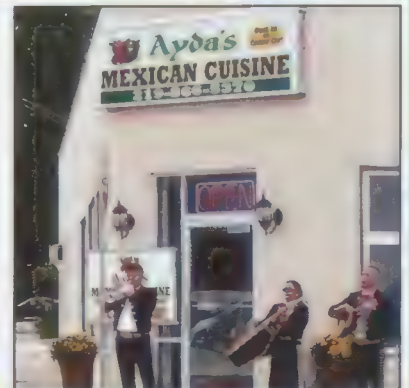
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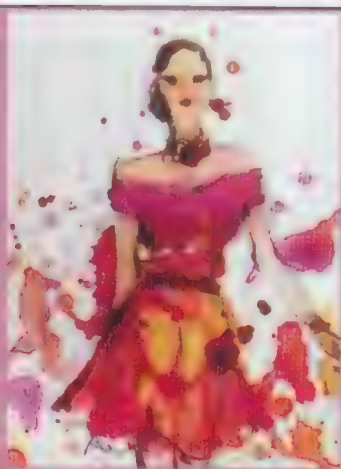
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